

On July 27th, the Lower Straits Lake Preservation Committee gathered to discuss several subjects and I will cover them in separate emails to prevent any confusion. All eight HOAs were invited and given the ability to suggest dates and send alternates for the meeting. We had seven HOAs represented in the meeting.

The first part of the meeting included a discussion of the previous treatment this summer on June 16. All deemed it a success. All were asked if there were any complaints with regards to the treatment and none were received by any HOA members on the LSLPC. The only thing any of us were concerned with was the amount of time that the treatment took to provide the good ending.

We then discussed the current status of the lake weeds and it was agreed by all that there were no nuisance weed conditions at this time. We had provided Dr. Pullman pictures of many parts of the lake and that was also his conclusion.

We did discuss the fact that there was a lot of starry stone wort in many areas of the lake but that it was remaining low to the bottom and not really "blooming". We determined that we would alert Dr. Pullman and Aquatic Services to the potential for a treatment of this algae in August. Dr. Pullman would only recommend a chemical treatment for starry stone wort because the harvesting of starry stone wort can lead to increased growth and is not as cost efficient as the chemical treatment. He also reminded me that starry stone wort is a completely unpredictable algae and that we would need to target it at anytime such that scheduling harvesting would be an added problem to deal with a "blooming".

Therefore, I discussed the potential for a treatment with Aquatic Services and they assured me that they had plenty of schedule availability and the necessary treatment items were readily available or in stock. This is a one day only process with no swimming, boating, fishing and irrigation. Based upon the answers provided by Aquatic Services, we all agreed to stay the course for now and schedule a treatment if conditions change with starry stone wort. .

We then spent a large amount of time discussing the fact that there was only one possible area that might support a milfoil harvesting process this summer. It would be off Edgewood Park Drive off the east shoreline near the Edgewood Country Club pump. After discussion of the pros and cons for this process for this year, It was agreed by all that there is NOT enough density or nuisance to make a trial for that area - any trial would not really tell us about a true harvesting process.

We all also agreed that we would want to move forward later this summer/fall to get a proposal for weed harvesting for next May - **IF the weeds are sufficient to make harvesting worthwhile prior to Memorial Day.** We are prepared to provide approximate areas/acres that would be likely to need treatment. We would have to provide an entry site for the process but that would depend upon the process offered by the weed harvesting companies. We have already provided a list of conditions for the

Harvesting Companies to use in their bid proposals and would have a few minor additions. Please let me know when you would like to discuss this process for the request for proposals.

The last item discussed was the desire for another Lily Pad treatment in September. I have discussed this with Dr. Pullman and Aquatic Services and they support that request. This is normally a very nominal cost (under \$5,000) and we would provide advance notice for this treatment. This one requires very specific conditions for effective treatment but we would communicate as much in advance as possible knowing that the weather plays a critical factor (more than normal) in this process.