

Hello Larry,

As per your request the Lower Straits Lake Preservation Committee held a conference call meeting last night to discuss the pros and cons of the amount to be assessed next year (on the 2021 December property tax bill) on our SAD for weed control. All eight HOAs were represented on the call or were provided an explanation prior to the call and provided proxy votes due to alternates also being unable to attend that particular time.

There was a setting of the table so to speak - I provided "round number" estimates of the spending this year, how other years have gone historically and then a discussion on how any dollars left over at the end of 2022 activities would be refunded on a prorated basis using the amount of the assessment on the December 2021 tax bill. I pointed out that we would have a carryover amount from the 2021 process that might approximate \$20-25K. This would then lead to a total amount in the fund for next of around \$100K. Also, I did point out that any leftover amount in the SAD fund would be paid to the owner of the parcel at the time of the refund process (to be determined solely by the Township) and that the refund will NOT to the owner of the parcel at the time of the assessment.

After the introduction, we then went "around the table" for each HOA representative to provide some input for their HOA views on the subject matter. All were also requested to ask any questions that they might have that were not covered on the introduction process or was unclear. After all discussion was finished, it was clear to all that we wish to assess the normal 100% amount that was used on the 2020 December tax bills (this would collect approximately \$78,000 for reference). It was decided to have an actual vote to formalize our recommendation to the Township. The vote was eight (8) to nothing to assess the same amount as the December 2020 tax bill.

It was also unanimous that we would attempt to have a May 2022 weed harvesting trial with the following assumptions: there were sufficient large patches of milfoil to harvest (in general, the large east patch, the Homestead Shores patch, an area around the Maplepointe swimming area and possibly some other areas as noted by by Aquest and Keiser Associates this year as suitable areas for harvesting). This amounted to approximately 25 acres but could be more or less next year when we do a survey for the status of the weeds.

Additionally, there would need to be a HOA willing to allow its launch site to be used for the process and that the HOA(s) would have final rights to veto the use if the contractor does not meet their expectations for timing and process. Currently, two HOA(s) have indicated a potential willingness to offer their launch sites - Maplepointe Beach and Lakeside.

It was also agreed that we did NOT need to pursue three bids if the job was deemed to small by contractors or that contractors did not agree to use any of the launch sites offering their use or were unwilling to meet the Township or our contract requirements. We will be very happy to assist in trying to "show" contractors the lake and the launch sites. We would even be happy to help with soliciting contractors if that is desired by the Township.

Thank you for requesting our input and please let me know if you need any clarification or further assistance on this matter.

Regards,

John Levinson

Chairperson, Lower Straits Lake Preservation Committee