

VLCC MEETING Minutes

Meeting Title		Monthly VLCC Committee Meeting		
Meeting Purpose		Valley Lake updates and plans		
Date of Meeting		Tuesday, Jan. 9th, 2007	Time	7:00 p.m.
Chairperson		Steve Gauthier	Location	Rule Park Library
Attendees at this meeting	Guest: Mike Perkaus, Aquatic Ecosystems, Inc.	Carmen Monaco	Richard Wodek	Joan Healy
	Randy & Denise Munding			
Outstanding Action Items		Person(s) Responsible		Due Date
1.	Aquatic Ecosystems reports.	Steve Gauthier /Joan Healy - get reports from Mike Perkaus		Completed
2.	Certified Beach Requirements	Cindy Bundalo		Pending
3.	Budget report	Steve Gauthier		Completed
Agenda Topic(s)		Outcome(s) - decisions, deliverables		
1.	Guest Speaker: Mike Perkaus Review of 2006 testing/treatments, proposal for 2007, & discussion of Valley South drain issues.	Mike presented his annual report for Valley Lake and his proposal for 2007. In his report for 2006 and in future reports, all samples reported will be from the South end of the lake and at a depth of 1' for consistency. Mike saw nothing in his chemical analysis of the lake that would explain the problems with our 2 aquatic plantings area. He will include replanting in his proposal for 2007. It was learned just today from the LMU that Valley Lake will be tested extensively by their unit in 2007, so Mike will modify his proposal to delete any redundant testing. If we have an extremely warm spring in 2007, Mike recommends turning on the aerators to prevent any possible stratification of the lake. The aerators would need to be raised to a level above the muck prior to being turned on. Mike also suggested using remote controlled boats or recorded Canada goose distress calls to reduce the number of geese that visit Valley Lake and contribute to our excessive phosphorus levels (algae "food"). Mike's contract needs to be signed prior to March 15 th to begin his testing/treatment program on schedule this year. We agreed to accept his reports for mid-month to mid-month this coming season, to allow him to get the monthly reports to us prior to our first week of each month meetings.		
2.	Review of Fecal Coli Form Source Test Written Results.	The committee reviewed Mike Adam's LMU report of their investigation into fecal coliform levels in Valley Lake in Sept. through Nov. 2006. LMU concluded that the fecal coliform source is not human and that the levels of fecal coliform at the beach during several testings did not exceed the IL Dept. of Public Health's recommended "safe swimming" level of 500cfu/100mL. VLCC will continue to pursue solutions to reduce the level of fecal coliform reaching the lake through the storm sewer drains.		

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3.	Discuss solutions to reduce fecal coliform sources.	VLCC will try to add reduction of fecal coliform to our upcoming EPA funded drain modification project at Valley South; alternately we will seek Warren Township Highway Dept's help to filter out fecal coliform prior to it reaching the lake.
4.	Review and compile questions for Mike Adam and Gerry Rudd.	Questions and suggestions for "expert" panel members were contributed by Richard Wodek and Joan Healy. This item will be continued at a Jan. 23 rd meeting.
5.	Beach Certification for Valley South	Pending
6.	¼ page information for brochure (Feb 1 st deadline)	Pending
7.	Budget Report	Pending
8.	Neighbors' reports – water clarity, algae, fish, new plant life, other news	Pending
9.	Future VLCC meeting dates and programs: Next Meeting Date – Feb, 6 th , 2006	Due to the late hour, the Jan. 9 th meeting agenda will be continued at another meeting on Jan. 23 rd .