

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD
Invasive Species Committee Report
April 5th, 2011

PERMITS:

Professional Lake Management has submitted our permit for 2011. They submitted new maps for treatment and feel we need pay the \$15000 fee for treatment of 100 acres or more. David signed the permit and it was faxed to them on March 9th, 2011.

We will again need to apply for a separate permit for treatment of the Lake Michigan shoreline in Pierport. It is a general permit and will cost \$75. I will wait until summer when we can determine the success of last year's treatment before submitting the application. If we decide to treat, we will need to get permission slips signed by the property owners.

EWM in the Channel

Jennifer contacted the DNRE and they stated that treatment of the channel will probably be allowed. She had PLM add this to the map for the area we expect to treat this year. Application was submitted by PLM in early March.

WATER MONITORING

The seven storm drain samples that were sampled on February 17th are listed on the back. Contacted Jennifer on March 7th and she stated that we should get results of this testing in about 2 weeks. March 18th Jennifer reported that all samples came back "non-detect" in regard to nutrients and other parameters. She felt the samples may have been too diluted, so the same storm drains were again sampled on March 18th by Mike Solomon. No results as yet.

BENZIE WATER FESTIVAL

The first water festival was held March 18,19,20. Our watershed plans to use some of their materials for our Water Event during Onekama Days. Liz Padalino from the Manistee & Benzie Conservation Offices is writing a grant for Manistee and Benzie County for county wide treatment of phragmites. She is working with Friends of Betsie Bay and others. She will list us as a partner for this grant.

DOCUMENTATION REQUESTED FOR LAST YEAR'S GRANT:

Overall summary that was provided as a grant requirement was given to Helen. This plus the detailed timeline was enough information for the belated grant request for information.

COST OF TREATMENT OF OTHER WEEDS COVERED BY OUR RESOLUTION:

The office of Chris Bzdok was contacted on March 3rd with this question and our final resolution was faxed to them. Follow up call from Chris on March 22nd. Faxed additional information to him on March 23rd. Follow up phone conversation with Chris and his opinion is that we can only use the SAD funds for the lake, lakeshore and areas contingent to the lake. Also, if the money is over 5% of the amount used for the SAD we will need to repay it to the people. If less than 5%, it can go into the general fund. I told him that this verbal information was sufficient.

POWER POINT PHRAGMITES PRESENTATION

On March 25th, Jennifer Jones sent us a copy of the power point presentation she used in the Grand Haven area to educate on phragmites.. She used Onekama as an example and the title is "Portage Lake, a Phragmites Australis Success Story".....

Mary Reed

