

**ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**Invasive Species Committee Report**  
**March 1st, 2011**

**PHRAGMITES:**

Ordinance states that "phragmites administrator" must do a written report to the board the areas to be treated each year at your June meeting. For the last 2 years we have included the entire lake shore and sent notices to all. This year I would like to work with Vickie Jones from TC to map out specific areas to treat and we will only send letters to those owners. (She does not require a contract, but I would like to request that we again use her company for treatment this year.) I do not believe that the areas in the township that are within the roadside right of way will have to be noticed. We will still need to have a public hearing in August as stated in our ordinance.

Professional Lake Management will again complete the permit form, and it will need to be signed by David since the original permit in 2009 was signed by him. We will be applying for a permit to treat up to acres and the permit cost would be . We will also need a separate permit to treat the phragmites identified on the Lake Michigan shoreline in Pierport. (\$75) We will also need to again have permission slips signed by those landowners. (I believe there are about 6)

**EWM**

1. We have not heard anything from the DNRE about our request to treat the channel.
2. We plan to do the "spring survey" later in the spring this year based on our results from last year.

**WATER MONITORING**

In the effort to continually monitor the lake for any changes due to treatment, the first lake monitoring will be done in early spring. Storm drain samples were obtained from 7 sites on February 17th after the big thaw that occurred on the 2 days before. Mike Solomon from Cadillac collected samples from 7 drains on Friday February 18th. (Location of samples is attached.)

**MANISTEE CONSERVATION**

Liz is stationed here on a 1 year program and is writing a grant request for Manistee and Benzie County for a county wide treatment grant for phragmites. Working with Friends of Betsie Bay and others. Ask permission to list us as a partner in writing this grant.

**LAKE CADILLAC**

Passed a 1/2 mill tax for the treatment of Lake Cadillac for ewm. for 3 years?

**SPRING NEWSLETTER**

Lakeshore Environmental (Jennifer) will again provide us with a spring newsletter. LaVone states that it must be received by June 1st in order to go out with the tax bills. We will plan to do the same thing as last year. Requests from the board as to content?

**WATERSHED GRANT**

Working with the school to have students be part of water monitoring. (Lake equipment or just storm drain monitoring)

**COSTS TO DATE**

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.

