

Most Common Questions As of May 31, 2024

What does signing the Petition mean?

By signing the Petition you are agreeing for weed and algae treatments for the entire lake. You are agreeing that you live within the parameters of the district for the SAD. You are agreeing that the Township will be enforcing payment for the SAD. You are also agreeing that the Township will not collect more annually than what is on the Petition for the Assessment.

What will be treated and why?

Each year, at the beginning of the season, a survey will be performed of the lake to identify the plants and prepare a treatment plan for that year. Currently, the main invasive weeds that are targeted in some areas of Bald Eagle Lake are Eurasian Water Milfoil, Curly-Leaf Pondweed and Starry Stonewort. Algal blooms along some shorelines are also targeted.

What areas of the lake will be treated? Is it just the canals?

The entire 125 acre lake will be serviced. Different areas of the lake have different issues, therefore not all areas of the lake will be treated the same. This treatment is not just for the canals.

Has there been water testing?

The last water test performed by BELPOA was in August of 2023 and the water will be tested in 2024 by a non-biased third party before the SAD is approved. Once the Petition is passed, there are several months before it is granted. Should there be negative findings or reason not to follow through with treatment based on those data, the SAD can be denied even if the Petition reached popular vote.

Why are we involving the Township?

There are many people that agree with the treatments and have no problem paying, but they are against involving the Township. The take home point here is that there are 340 households included in this district, so it is simply not possible for one individual to be responsible for collecting those payments particularly when they have no authority to enforce.

Is it true that only one quote from Aqua-Weed was obtained?

Yes, this is true. Aqua-Weed has been servicing Bald Eagle Lake for almost 15 years. They have the best reputation in the area and are a local company. When the demand for a lake-wide treatment plan arose, Aqua-Weed was asked to quote the job. The people on this lake that have been working with Aqua-Weed over the years are satisfied with their services, so it only seemed natural to continue with them. However, the Petition only calls for weed and algae control, it does not specify what company must perform the job. Should another reputable company be found that can perform these treatments for the same price or less, we do not have to continue with Aqua-Weed.

Are the treatments safe? How will this affect the wildlife?

The compounds used are all EPA approved and safe for humans and animals alike. If it is recommended not to swim after a treatment, that is not because the treatment is unsafe, it is because the less movement in the water, the more effective the product can be. These treatments should improve the quality of life for the fish and other aquatic animals! By removing the invasive species from the lake, it will improve the habitats for the natural wildlife and create new areas for fish to spawn.

Still Have More Questions? Please reach out to Heather Adamkiewicz - 248-885-2419