

A View from the Lake by Tom Schroeder – President, Beaver Dam Lake Management District

This past Saturday, Jay Michels – Emmons & Oliver Resources, Inc. gave a presentation on the history of the Library Lake, Lake Restoration Management Plan and the current plans for the south east storm water pond and associated area. The land just west of the Corner Bar where the three recently demolished houses were located will be developed over the next three years. The main function will be for storm water control but may potentially include walkways, seating areas, other recreational functions, etc. The SE pond site is the last of the 4 storm water treatment areas associated with redirecting 11 storm water outfalls that were directly entering Library Lake. Jay, in a rather entertaining manner, explained his personal relationship with Cumberland and Beaver Dam Lake. As a youngster he would stay with his cousin, Paul Nelson and family during the summer. His memories of fishing and boating on Library Lake and Beaver Dam Lake makes his involvement with the water quality of entire Lake very personal. The meeting was held at the Cumberland Middle school to allow for Covid-19 social distancing considerations. Jay mentioned that just under 10 years ago, on Sat. Oct 23, 2010, at the same location, he made a presentation on the Library Lake Restoration Plan. That meeting included an advisory referendum vote on the proposed 2.3 million dollar plan. The vote by the approx. 340 people present was over 3 to 1 against moving forward with the Plan. Since then, with the approx. \$1.5 million dollars in grants from the WDNR, the BDLMD along with the City of Cumberland has been able to accomplish the most important aspect of the Plan, addressing the storm water entering Library Lake. The Lake District is currently working with the WDNR on an agreement to dredge various parts of Library Lake. Once permits are obtained, a major fund raising effort to support the cost of dredging Library Lake will commence. A U-tube video of the presentation can be accessed at the BDLMD website at [beaverdamlake.org](http://beaverdamlake.org). Stay Tuned!