

A View of the Lake – Tom Schroeder – President BDLMD

Library Lake NE Storm water pond and Sediment Removal

Finally after a persistent effort on the part of many supporters of the Library Lake Restoration Plan including local residents, City Of Cumberland officials, the Chamber of Commerce, CABA and the BDLMD Board of Directors, Library Lake will start to get a much awaited and needed face lift.

Starting in Mid-Sept. Fitzgerald Excavating and Trucking, Goodhue, MN. will start the construction of the NE Storm water facilities behind Nezzys and the long awaited removal of approx.. 1500 cubic yards of sediment from Library Lake. The area along the north shoreline going west approximately 200 feet from the city parking lot and south along east shore of Library Lake to behind the Utility Switchyard will be dredged to an approx. depth of 5 feet extending out approx. 50 feet.

To aid in the productivity of the sediment removal and to help improve navigation from the Grove Street Bridge to the lake shore along the City Parking lot, Library Lake will be drawn down approx. 6 feet. The lowering of the water will allow for compaction of the loose sediment. When the lake level is restored the water depth should be sufficient for navigation to the parking lot area.

It has taken 6 years to get to where we are today. When the financing plan for the Library Lake Restoration Plan was voted down at a town hall meeting during Oct. 2010, the BDLMD along with the City of Cumberland continued to work in a structured manner to acquire grants to finance parts of the original Lake Restoration Plan. After being awarded a Planning Grant for the NE pond in 2102 it was discovered that the registered North/South property lines along Grove St. were off by 15 feet. This stopped further development of the NE Pond but with the approval of the WDNR the grant dollars were diverted to the "Neurer" storm water pond located on the north side of Grove St. near the NW corner of Library Lake. This project was completed during 2013 when Grove Street was rebuilt.

Since Oct. 2013, it has taken 2 years to correct the property lines and riparian rights along Grove St. A further year delay occurred while the WDNR studied the restructuring of the Grant Application process. With the property issues and the grant schedule resolved the BDLMD applied for and successfully received an Acquisition grant on Feb. 1, 2015 for acquiring the necessary easements for the NE Storm water Pond. By Feb. 1, 2016 the easements where filed with Barron County and a Construction Grant was successfully applied for and awarded for the NE Pond project by April 2016.

With the NE Pond project a go and a permit already approved for sediment removal, at the July 2016 BDLMD Annual Meeting a proposal to allocate \$30,000 for the dredging of Library Lake was approved.

Now the fun begins. We need volunteers this coming **Saturday ,Sept. 17, 2016 at 9:30 AM at the Erickson's Sand** pit to help fill approximately 400 sandbags. Erickson's Sand pit is located on 8<sup>th</sup> St. about ¼ mile north of Highway 48. The sandbags will be used to dam off the channel under the Grove St. Bridge. So we have an idea of how many volunteers will help, please call City Hall at 715-822-2752 or Tom Schroeder @ 715-822-2699.

This is the start of something that a lot of people have been waiting to see happen. Together, let's make it happen!