

PLCC Behind the Scenes Highlights 2020 Looking ahead in 2021

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No one could have predicted what our Country and the global world was going to face, or not face with Covid-19 in the last year and a half. As I look back on the PLCC Minutes in 2020, It is a stark reminder of events we had to cancel or modify for the health and safety of our community. I am also proud to report that despite restrictions and barriers the PLCC was able to accomplish many things in 2020 with the help of our community and membership.

- PLCC successfully joined the opposition fight against the Diehm property rezoning. Preventing a large hog farm operation from impacting the area lakes, ditches & waterways.
- Completed Cardno recommended projects with the final filtering plants at the public landing and the school rain garden.
- Continued our Invasive weed control program as allowed by the DNR.
- New PLCC Signage was completed at 500S & 890E as well as the entrance to the clubhouse.
- Butch Vaughn continues with his team of County experts to test and find the source of the e-coli issue. The County has been overseeing a massive clean up of ditches and waterways leading to the lake. They are committed to find and remove contamination. Deal Ditch all the way to the lake is the responsibility of LaGrange County and although the virus has slowed their work. It remains a priority.
- New clubhouse firepit with seating was completed by Jim Hensel and his grandson, Gabrial.
- All of the rotting windows in the clubhouse were replaced with new windows.
- The clubhouse porch was stained and sealed. Picnic tables, fence posts and fencing were scraped and painted.
- Although some events had to be cancelled, we added new events and modified others. We were still able to hold Root beer floats, the Goose round up, rummage sale, pork burger sale, golf scramble, cruise-In, walk for the lake, and merchandise sales online.
- Members got together for spring and fall cleanup as well as the annual Fall cleanup of the outlet.
- Most importantly our Members supported the PLCC with their dues and donations through an extraordinarily hard year for everyone.

Looking ahead in 2021 we have one open project to complete. As a result of the 2017 Cardno report recommendations for lake enhancement, the Outlet project, an important project to the maintenance of the lake will be completed in 2021. Thanks goes out to Jim Mertz, the late Denny Rorick as well as DNR Restoration Biologist, Doug Nusbaum for their help to make this happen.

As a PLCC Board representing everyone is not easy as we understand there will always be residents that disagree with a project or the way money is being spent or not being spent. Please know we look carefully at each project, issue and event. We try to make the best decision for the community with what we know at the moment. Currently we have two open positions on the PLCC Board and welcome your input and decision-making skills to make our lake community better for all. If you are interested, please contact a current Board member.

Although we face many of the same hurdles going into 2021, we are more hopeful that whatever we face we can do it together.

