

Goals & Activities for 2022:

The core mission of the LMPOI was to address lake issues of interest to Lake Mitchell property owners.

- a. LMSA monitoring: Continue to advocate for much improved sewer system governance, management, operations (maintenance and improvement) and affordability. This work will include advocating for improved:
 - Oversight: Overall governance and management competence is inadequate. For example, there is not (and has never been) sufficient residential sewer customer representation on the LMSA board. Additionally, LMSA board members should be expected to request, read, and study relevant information with respect to key decisions that it makes – before it makes those decisions.
 - Accountability: LMSA should operate in a fiduciary manner with respect to its captive customers.
 - Transparency: LMSA is open to sharing information, answering customer questions and seriously considering customer suggestions. For example, LMSA should request outside independent professional review of some of its most significant analyses and conclusions. Further, LMSA should be putting significant (and costly) contracts up for competitive bidding.

Note: LMPOI will try in 2022 to get more LMPOI members actively involved in LMSA monitoring activities. For example, members should be attending and speaking at LMSA board meetings. Another example: Identify and encourage LMPOI members to run for open township trustee positions. LMSA board members are appointed by the Cherry Grove, Selma and Clam Lake Township boards. These boards have actively discouraged LMPOI efforts to have customers appointed to the LMSA board.
- b. Lake level monitoring: LMPOI has been informally involved in monitoring lake levels to help ensure that they are at adequate levels to support summer boating activities. This work will be formalized and upgraded in 2022. In 2021, our recommendations to the drain commissioner led to the dam being closed early to maintain high summer water levels. Additionally, LMPOI recommendations led the drain commissioner to make repairs to the dam.
- c. LMIB coordination: It is believed that there is general confusion among Lake Mitchell property owners about what the LMPOI does (address property owners concerns) and what the LMIB does (address lake weed control). Efforts to coordinate the activities and communication of both groups will be made in 2022. More information on this topic is discussed in another agenda item below.
- d. Property owners' social activity in the summer: The board decided to schedule and conduct an outdoor social gathering of all LMPOI members sometime this coming summer. (Camp Torenta was discussed as a possible location.) The purpose of the event will be to help Lake Mitchell property owners meet and get to know each other to build some friendships and cohesion in the LMPOI. These relationships can also help bring more members into working actively to address issues of concern to all property owners.