

Warren Bender, the Chair of the Pickerel Kimball Lake Board, and I met on 6/20 with applicators from Savin Lake Services to survey the two lakes, and to get a sense of the effectiveness and status of the weed control.

Overall, the initial treatment for algae that sets up the treatment for milfoil, was effective. For those of you who were not at the Association meeting on Memorial Day weekend, algae as it grows, attaches itself to milfoil and by doing so inhibits the absorption of the chemicals by the milfoil reducing the effectiveness. Unfortunately, the treatment for algae is only temporary, as both lakes have vigorous algae growth that again attaches to the milfoil, both living and dead. The end result is in some areas, even though the milfoil is dead, it still has not fallen due to the “support” of the algae.

There are some areas of the lakes that spot treatment for milfoil will take place June 26-27 weather permitting. On the first day Savin will be applying algae treatment on those areas being treated for celery grass and the milfoil spot treatments. On the second day, applications will target the milfoil areas that need to be addressed, and treat the celery grass areas. Regarding the celery grass, this first treatment is several weeks earlier than last year. It is Savin’s observation that the current growth stage of the celery grass is an opportune time to treat.

As we traveled around both lake’s shorelines, I was happy to see nature busily at work. Bass and bluegills abound in our lakes, the loons were yodeling, the martins were swooping, and there is no shortage of snapping turtles!

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