

March 9, 2016

Cheryl Sherman
Whitewater Springs Community Treasurer

Cheryl,

At our last Wildlife Committee meeting one of our discussions was on the health of our lake. One of our objectives is to promote family recreation at the lake which only enhances the Whitewater Springs community.

With last year's rains the lake is beautiful and full. The problem is we have many small bass and no large ones. We feel the reason is there is nothing for the small bass to eat. The sun perch are too large for a 12" bass to feed on. The lake needs forage and after reading several articles we feel that tilapia are the best species and better than any native fish. If stocked in May, because they feed on phyto plankton and not small bass fingerlings, they will reproduce every 6 to 8 weeks making them a perfect fit for our problem. The price for a 17 acre lake at 10 lbs. per surface acre is approximately \$1,700.00 at \$10.00 a lb. We would need to have this in the budget for the next 2 or 3 years. Without it we feel we could lose what bass we have now. Overton Fisheries is in Buffalo, Texas east of Waco. I would be willing to go and pick up the fish when the water temperature reaches 60 degree probably sometime in May and bring them back to stock the lake.

The Wildlife Committee saved the POA \$4,000.00 in trimming the oak trees in house at the pavilion this fall which would pay for two years of stocking.

Cheryl, would you please add this to the next POA Board Meeting agenda and I will be present to discuss this matter.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Mike Austin