

LLLPRD Autumn 2000

LOWER LONG LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT OFFICERS:
Chairman Jan Frase 967-2339 Secretary/Treasurer Wayne Sauls 967-2152
Commissioner Guy Wood 967-2248 Commissioner Mike North 967-2646
Commissioner Jim Dahl 568-3225

Message From the Chairman

We are a diverse group who cannot always agree on every issue, however, we share a common direction and sense of community. We all love to relax and enjoy the recreational aspects of being "at the lake". We also share the desire to protect, preserve and/or restore the lakes' water quality, fishery and natural habitat areas. It is important to continue educating ourselves, as riparians, and the public on what is best for our lake. Being able to utilize the strengths and abilities of our members gives us the power to accomplish our goals and be a strong voice among other lake groups. I challenge you to get involved in a committee this year. Don't miss the chance to meet more of your lake neighbors at the picnic and bring your voice to the annual meeting. Your involvement will help our district and our lake become the best it can be!

Have a joyful winter – Jan Frase

Chippewa County's zoning revision process has been delayed because of the death of Jody

Cronin, Zoning Administrator. Doug Clary has been named the new Z.A. and is training a newly hired zoning inspector. The zoning committee is busy working on a new subdivision ordinance, which is one step ahead of the shoreland ordinance. The committee and Doug will be working on the final shoreland ordinance draft in Nov. and Dec. The new schedule is to have public information sessions and hearings in March and April of 2001. The intent is to get the revised ordinance to the County Board at their May and June meetings.

NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS. Let's hope that applies to the possible sale of Camp Chippewa Bay. We are told by the Girl Scout Council not to believe any rumors and that there is no sale pending. We do know that the state has been negotiating with the Council to purchase the camp for use as a "nature based recreation park." There is no verifiable news on how those negotiations are progressing.

The first ever meeting of the LLLPRD Long Range Planning Committee was held on October 14th at the Jim Schroeder cottage. Other than Jim, present were Jake Farrell, John Killey, Tom Doyle, Lenny Seyberth, and Jan Frase.

The first order of business was to officially select a chair and a secretary. After numerous recounts and a threatened lawsuit, Jim Schroeder became chair and Lenny Seyberth secretary.

Two standing meeting dates were approved for April and October. The meeting

sites will be chosen shortly before the meeting dates.

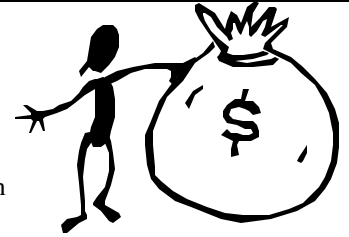
We discussed the purpose of our committee, which is to constantly review the present LLLPRD committees, and if needed, propose changes. At this meeting we had an open discussion on areas that might be needed for improvement.

We discussed the use of a liaison committee, which would be an educational center for prospective new lake commissioners. Also discussed were ideas dealing with a committee that dealt with the issues of motor sports or motor traffic and

Long Range Planning Committee

recreation. We also looked at the need for posting of winter notices regarding ice fires and trash as well as the need for environmental education.

Foundation News - Jake Farrell



During this past year, the Lower Long Lake Foundation has been very busy. We are currently pursuing the donation of four different properties to the Foundation, but at press time we can not report that they are in the fold. We are very close, thought, and are hopeful that their transference can be accomplished during this tax year.

Thanks are in order for our new cash donors to the Foundation and also to those who continue to contribute each

year. Our current cash position is \$17,407.31.

You will soon be seeing our new brochure that explains why we exist and hopefully will encourage more of our lake residents to support our efforts. With everybody's help we can continue to protect the natural environmental system of our lake and the land surrounding the lake.



Zoning Permits for Lower Long Lake 01/01/00-08/31/00

PROPERTY OWNER	DATE OF PERMIT	DESCRIPTION
Paul Bearson	05/17/00	Move Existing Garage
Paul Bearson	06/29/00	New Home
W & C Blackburn	06/27/00	Addition to Cottage
Mel Breed	08/01/00	Screen Porch and Boathouse
Darrell & Norma Brotzman	05/05/00	New Home
Callstrom & Johnson	07/28/00	Change Roof to Pitched and Deck
Steven Danielson	06/29/00	Stairs to Water
Richard & Kathryn Engel	03/22/00	Shed
Dean & Connie Hinnerichs	07/10/00	Addition to Garage
Harold & Elaine Kaiser	06/12/00	New Cottage
William & Anne Losby	04/12/00	Addition to Cabin
William & Anne Losby	05/19/00	Boathouse
Victor & Janet Lothe	05/31/00	New Home
Paul & Nancy McMahon	06/26/00	New Cabin
David Mills - Gladitsch	08/25/00	Addition to Cottage and Shed
Heidi Munger	03/01/00	Living Room and Garage
Joseph & Megan Munger	06/21/00	Boathouse
Stephan & Matthew Playter	06/01/00	Move on Cabin
Thomas & Carol Webster	08/30/00	Sanitary, Garage, Addition to Cabin
YMCA	04/12/00	New Cabin

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Happy Thanksgiving
From the LLLPRD



LLLPRD Annual Meeting Minutes*

*Edited to fit this publication



Present: Tom Doyle - Chairman, Jan Frase - Secretary Treasurer, Wayne Sauls and Jim Dahl - Commissioners

Minutes: July 31, 1999, approved as published in Fall, 1999 newsletter.

Treasurer's Report and Presentation:

Expenses - 1999-00:	\$1412.88
Balance - July 29, 2000:	\$1948.47
Budget - 2000-01:	\$3887.50
Tax levy for 2000:	\$3000.00

Budget unanimously passed and is enclosed. Jake Farrell and Len Seyberth have audited the treasurer's books.

Chairman's Report: Tom Doyle introduced two new commissioners, Jim Dahl from the Chippewa County Board and Mike North of the Town of Sampson, who are required by state statute. He also explained that the District is being more conscious of complying with the open meeting law for all meetings instead of just the annual meeting.

Committee Reports:

Lower Long Lake Foundation, Inc:

Wally Schulenberg reported that the foundation has two land donations to date and is working on two more. The Foundation is qualified as tax exempt under IRS statute #5013C. Donors can claim a charitable tax donation for the appraised amount of their property. The foundation has \$17,768.90 in donated funds thus far. Jim Schroeder was elected for a second three-year term.

Fish and Water Quality

Committee: Lou Frase reviewed phosphorus loading data collected over the past 25 years from Long Lake and discussed a Lake Management Planning Grant through the DNR. The grant will cost the district \$1000 and will be matched 3:1 by the DNR. The money will be used to repeat a 1984 study of our watershed using updated technologies and to assess our current watershed usage patterns. Oxygen data collected over the past 15 years will also be studied. The motion to pursue this grant was passed, and the application made in August. The grant applications will be reviewed and

awarded by the DNR this fall.

Joe Kurtz also reported lower numbers of fish counted this spring than in 1995 but that the 14-18 inch slot for walleye seems to be working. Perch and bluegill numbers seem to be increasing and continue to be stocked by Kelly Svoma

Lake Property Committee: Kurt Lothe reported that this committee has met on pontoon rides to get ideas about how property owners are protecting shoreline. The committee is considering posting boating regulations and fines at the boat landing and is working on educational ideas for shoreline restoration and preservation. Pat Andress presented information on biologists for use in shoreline restoration.

Publicity Committee: Lesley Sauls reported that donations at the lake picnic exceeded expenses and suggested assembly of a Welcome Wagon bag for new property owners on the lake. The bag would include informational material about riparian ownership and donated gifts from district members. Members voted to start giving the Welcome Wagon bag. Any district member who wishes to donate to the bag, please contact Lesley.

Old Business:

CVORA: Len Seyberth reported that the LLLPRD has been invited to have a booth at the Outdoor Resource Exposition at the Chippewa County Fairground in September, 2001. Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance has applied for grant money to participate in the purchase of Camp Chippewa Bay property.

Camp Chippewa Bay: Bruce Neeb, DNR, reported on the state's bid to purchase Camp Chippewa Bay for use as a state park. The state has funded \$49 million in stewardship funds that can be used to develop new state parks in conjunction with various grants and loans. Bruce said that it is the state's intent to protect the property by developing a park that would use the property's current natural state and buildings for low impact educational activities. The state also intends to keep the near-shore area in a natural state and does not plan to have a public boat launch or RV campsite on

property. LLLPRD will have a voice in the direction of the property if it goes into state ownership. The state is awaiting a second appraisal.

District Liability Insurance:

Liability insurance bids have been gathered. The least expensive \$1 million general liability policy is from Rural Insurance Companies for approximately \$950 annually. After some discussion, the motion to purchase this insurance was passed.

Bylaws: Because the LLLPRD operates under state statute, the bylaws need continual revision to concur with state statutes. WAL attorney, Tamara Dudiak, suggested that we rescind the bylaws and operate only under state statute. This motion was made and passed.

Zoning Issues: Because of Jody Cronin's unexpected death, the zoning revision process was delayed one month. A public open house and a zoning hearing were held in September. Handouts containing zoning issues to be discussed at the hearings were passed out. One issue mentioned by Jan Frase was a change in lot size for newly developed property in class two waters from 3 acres and 300 ft. of shoreline to 2.5 acres and 250 ft.

New Business:

Camp Chippewa Bay: Wally Schulenberg suggested that the District send a letter to the DuPage County Girl Scout Council expressing the District's opposition to a park on the Camp property. Although this motion failed to pass, it was decided that a letter would be sent stating the LLLPRD Mission Statement regarding development of the property.

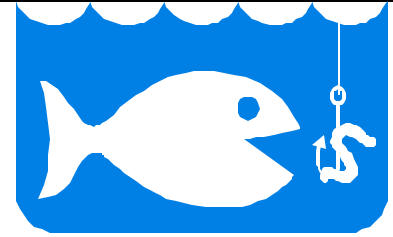
Buoys: Wayne Sauls reported on the vandalism and repair of the buoy markers that he suggested be converted into channel markers. This motion passed.

Election of Officers:

Guy Wood was elected for a three-year term as a commissioner.

Adjournment: 12:15p.m. after appreciation plaque given to Tom Doyle.

FISH AND WATER QUALITY



A visit to our Ice Age Reserve shows that 12,000 years ago the Chippewa Valley was the end line of the Wisconsin glacial lobe. Global warming and melting of the glacial cover, revealed our clear, clean northwest Wisconsin lakes. We have only recently become aware of the natural progression of pristine lakes (oligotrophic stage) to lakes with high nutrient levels and heavy undesirable algae "blooms" (eutrophic stage). Phosphorous and nitrogen, the responsible nutrients, enter the water because of shoreline activity (soil erosion, surface and groundwater runoff, dust, leaves, etc.). Studies show that one

of the major contributors is human shoreline activity, which contributes soil erosion and runoff of fertilizers.

This year your lake district approved a grant to study the watershed using new high tech equipment to determine the natural sources of nutrient input. Matched by a 3:1 DNR grant fund our \$1000.00 contribution will provide information on pre-development and current land usage as well as levels of nutrients in surrounding soil; information which can help us in future district planning. The grant will also fund tabulation of oxygen level data, collected on Long Lake over the past 15 years.

Although this study will have wide application, it will not change the fact that shoreland owners play a major role in lake quality preservation. Among the things we can do today are allowing natural buffer zones, controlling our storm water runoff, avoiding lawn fertilizers and not dumping debris into the lake. We must do all we can to slow the eutrophication process...the next glacial clean-up is not expected for a while.

BIOENGINEERING FOR SHORELAND



We on Lower Long Lake are coming to the realization that the ways in which we manage our own property affect not only our immediate vicinity, but the entire lake and all its residents and visitors, human or otherwise. If we look to the examples provided by undisturbed land where we see sustainable shoreline and healthy habitats, perhaps we can use that knowledge to contribute to the integrity of Lower Long Lake's various ecosystems.

On the Northeast part of Long Lake, Ray and Pat Andress have chosen to install forty feet of biologs to stabilize their shoreline. Although layers of native plants exist in their buffer zone, and hardstem bulrushes (*Scirpus acutus*) exist in the water, an undercut bank and exposed tree roots show evidence of shoreline erosion. The Andresses installed the logs of compacted coconut fibers and twine netting by anchoring them tightly to the bank with hardwood stakes. Then they planted

eighty native plants in the logs: blue flag iris (*Iris versicolor*), bottlebrush sedge (*Carex comosa*), and prairie cordgrass (*Spartina pectinata*) all purchased from Hild & Associates in River Falls.

The Andresses choice to use bioengineering for shoreline stabilization was multifaceted. Not only will the biologs prevent erosion; they will supply a wildlife habitat for birds, insects and amphibians and are self-repairing. They required no use of heavy equipment and are environmentally friendly.

The company that supplied the biologs can be contacted at www.rolanka.com. Each 10' long by 12" diameter log costs around \$60. What would it take to create a natural buffer zone on your property? How is your erosion control? If you are interested in exploring other land use issues, a fellow Wisconsinite, Aldo Leopold, has written *A Sand County Almanac*, a classic of conservation literature.

LLLPRD Committee Chairs

If there are issues in this newsletter about which you feel strongly, please contact the appropriate Commissioner or Committee Chair. Their names and phone numbers are as follows:

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Guy Wood	967-2248
Mike North	967-2646
Jim Dahl	568-3225

Lake Property

Kurt Lothe	967-2703/834-0290
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Lower Long Lake Foundation

Wally Schulenberg	967-2514/832-4217
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Long Range Planning

Jim Schroeder	967-2306
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Publicity

Lesley Sauls	967-2152
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Fish and Water Quality

Lou Frase	967-2339
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2000-2001 BUDGET

\$3000.00 Tax Levy passed at July 29th Annual Meeting

Budgeted

Publicity expenses (newsletters, mailings, etc.)	\$600.00
Fish /water quality committee	\$100.00
Miscellaneous: Plaque for Chairman Blue Diamond Lakes Coalition 98-99	\$100.00
Lake Management Grant	\$1000.00
Secretary/Treas. fees	\$50.00
Picnic	\$50.00
Property Committee	\$50.00
Liability Insurance	\$1000.00
Adopt-A-Lake	\$250.00
WALS meeting and membership	\$500.00 +\$187.50

TOTAL

\$3887.50

**Checkbook Balance
(July 29, 2000)**

\$1948.47

**APPROVED TAX
LEVY**

\$3000.00