

LLLPRD SPRING 1999

LOWER LONG LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT OFFICERS:
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LLLPRD CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Thanks to an early spring this year, people have been able to get out on the lake earlier than in previous years. The rumor has it that John Schepke may have been the first one to ski this year. I know for sure that I wasn't.

I will be ending my term as chairman this year, and Tom Doyle will be moving into that position. It is very important that we continue the work that has been done with the LLLPRD. We need to nominate another person to be a commissioner. Please contact me if you want to put your name in the hat. The total term is three years including time as a Commissioner, Secretary/Treasurer and as the Chairman. We need your input!

It appears that all of the planned projects from last year's agenda have continued on or have been completed. The fish crib project with the Bloomer High School and the Adopt-A-Lake program was completed, and the new signs should be done before summer. Zoning meetings are continuing as planned by Chippewa

County. Please call me for details.

As your Chairman, I am involved with the LLLPRD by attending meetings as a representative. I have met with the DNR as well as the Board of Adjustments. *The lake property owner* is the one who is responsible for making sure that the Shoreland Zoning Ordinances are upheld, not the LLLPRD. We are not a police force and have no control over these issues. We all have to be sure we are doing our part to keep the lake clean and safe. Silt fences need to be erected as well as maintained during construction. Septic systems that are not working or need replacing should be taken care of by the owner. Don't blame the zoning administrator. Instead, look at what you can do to make the lake better for all of us. Become informed!

If you would like to be involved with your lake, please make it a point to come to our picnic or annual meeting. Thank you!

-John Killey, Chairman LLLPRD

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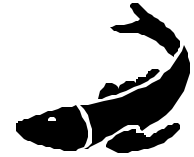
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Student Involvement



BHS Students Adopt Lake

Bloomer High School has “adopted” Long Lake as a part of the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL) Adopt-A-Lake program. A class of 12 students studying environmental issues under teacher Duane Fossum has built 23 fish cribs for our lake. The cribs were built over the winter at the YMCA Camp Manitou and later moved out and sunk along that shoreline. Duane and his class were helped by the Wisconsin Conservation Corps.

Duane also organized students in the

Industrial Arts area to design and build a sign to be placed at the boat launch on Hwy. 40. The sign has a locked plexiglass cover and will be used to post information and educational materials. The sign should be up soon.

Keep your eyes on Len Seyberth’s shoreline for a preview look at a buffer zone of natural vegetation. Len attended a DNR and UW-Extension sponsored workshop at the Ice Age Center last June and volunteered his property for a planned buffer zone. Duane and his students will

be doing some of the digging and planting on that project.

The LLLPRD Board has agreed to fund the costs of the fish cribs and sign. Duane plans to apply for a grant to help with the purchase of seining and fike nets to use for fish counts on our lake next year. We are really fortunate to have BHS interested in environmental issues that are protective of our water quality, wildlife and natural resources. Their projects were a lot of hard work! Join us at the lake picnic where we will show our

BLUE DIAMOND LAKES COALITION

by Jan Frase



The Blue Diamond Lakes Coalition met on March 6, 1999, with Jim Schroeder presiding as Chairman. The coalition meets the first Saturday in March and the last Saturday in September. The Coalition’s purpose is to promote education about water quality for lakes and watershed areas in Rusk and Chippewa Counties. Jody Cronin, Chippewa County Zoning Administrator, spoke about erosion control at shoreline construction sites, zoning ordinances specific to adding on to or improving existing structures, and set-back requirements. After some discussion, the group agreed that builders and property owners need more education about the required silt fences. Chippewa County is currently updating their zoning ordinances. Lake Classification may be necessary

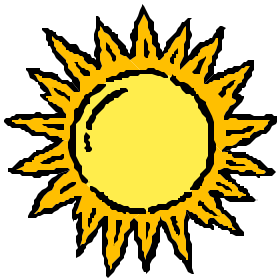
to have acceptable shoreline ordinances for the different types of lakes within the county.

Two problems were reported. Lake Holcombe and Island Lake have an overgrowth of purple loosestrife, a fast growing plant. A channel at Island Lake is closing up because of excessive growth of the loosestrife. Long Lake reported a problem with people making campfires on the ice and failing to remove the ash and other waste from the ice. The phosphate from the fires is harmful to water quality and, of course, the waste pollutes the lake. The long Lake representatives will try to work on educating people about the harmful effects of campfires to the lake.

Kevin McGuire from the

Chippewa County Extension Office spoke about resource management. Kevin would help lake districts with comprehensive or strategic planning. He works with public forums to get people involved and educated.

Long Lake property owners were well represented at the meeting. There was representation also from Round Lake and Sand Lake. Funding for the Coalition is coming mainly from the Long Lake District, and that is a problem as funding is also necessary from other groups. We adjourned with this quote from the Sonoran Institute in mind - “Change is inevitable, but it doesn’t have to come at the expense of things the community values.”



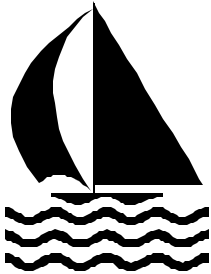
The Lower Long Lake Foundation has been active throughout the winter. We can now announce that we have received our first piece of property which was donated to us at the end of 1998. It is an undeveloped 110 foot lot on the lake. We paid to have the lot surveyed, appraised and transferred to us. The lot will now remain with us, undeveloped and left in its natural state forever! With all the new construction on our lake, we desperately need green space to keep our lake beautiful!

As of right now, the Lower Long Lake Foundation has received donations totaling \$14,325.00. Keep up the good work!!!

Liability Insurance

It is time to dust off the boats and summer toys!

As always, lake safety must be considered at all times.



Tom Doyle attended the WAL State Meeting and attended the legal workshops there. The attorney leading a session on liability was a chairperson for a lake district in southern Wisconsin who had some valid points for us to consider.

A lake management district's exposure, including officers, is generally limited to \$50,000, or to \$250,000 liability cap for automobile accidents. Officers are immune for discretionary acts performed for a lake management district. Volunteers are immune while providing service to a nonprofit corporation. An exception is operation of a motor vehicle or other vehicle (boat) for which an operator's permit, license, or insurance is required. There is also federal immunity for volunteers which we all are. Wisconsin created immunity from liability for organizations involved in "recreational activity," and this includes fishing, picnicing and water sports.

Despite these covered immunities, this attorney recommended a lake management district carry comprehensive general liability insurance because in any suit the \$50,000 limit could be easily surpassed if there were multiple injuries and/or including legal fees. She also recommended motor vehicle and boater's liability

coverage in the event of an injury in which a volunteer had an accident and insurance had lapsed. If there were a suit and an adverse judgment rendered the entire district (lake lot owners) would be financially responsible and would be assessed for the monies.

Contact Tom Doyle if you are interested in having a copy of the WAL newsletter!

Two years ago, Jim Schroeder obtained an estimate of \$1848 for coverage for our district. This figure would amount to \$12.32/year per owner on Long Lake based on 150 owners. If vehicle coverage were included, there would be a small additional premium - \$150 for the southern Wisconsin district discussed. Granted, this adds up over the years, and it would require an annual tax levy to

cover the premium, but the alternative would be a major assessment for a one time incident.

In our suit-happy society, we should discuss this situation again at the annual meeting. We hope to see you there!

-Tom Doyle

Organic Fertilizers Available

Renaissance Fertilizers, Inc. has an organic nitrogen all natural soybean based lawn food. This fertilizer is available in 6-0-6 or 8-2-6 formulas for lawns and 5-5-5 formula for gardens. Because fertilizers and the phosphates they contain are such a threat to the lake environment, it is nice to know that

there are alternatives available. To receive more information about this fertilizer, contact Renaissance Fertilizers, Inc. at 5275 Edina Industrial Blvd., Edina, MN 55435. Their phone number is 612-897-0090.



As you know, it is almost time again for our second annual picnic and annual meeting. The picnic will be held at the same location as last year beginning at 11:30 a.m. Hamburgers will be provided, but please bring a dish to pass. At the picnic, we will thank Duane Fossum and his students for all of their hard work on the lake. Last year was great fun, and we can only hope for such good weather and good friends to show up again. A flyer with details will be sent to you soon.

Picnic and Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on July 31 at the Sampson Town Hall. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m., and pastries and coffee will be provided. Many good ideas come out at these meetings, but unfortunately turnout is frequently low. Please take time to come to the meeting and support Lower Long Lake into the future.

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