

LLLPRD SPRING 2001

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Message From the Chairman

CAMP CHIPPEWA BAY:

At the Annual Meeting, the board was directed to send a letter to the Girl Scout Council of DuPage County re-stating the District's mission statement regarding the sale of the camp and our interest in working with the Council to preserve and protect the natural environmental system of the lake and the land surrounding the lake. That letter was sent on September 1, 2000. On January 23, 2001 the District received a letter from the attorney for the Girl Scout Council. The letter stated the following: "The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Council is interested in completing a sale of this property within the calendar year 2001." It further reads; "We have opened negotiations with the State of Wisconsin, DNR but it is doubtful at this time whether or not they will be able to meet our timeline for sale and our minimum purchase price. Accordingly, the Council Board of Directors and Executive Director have decided to contact interested private parties who may be in a position to complete this transaction in an expeditious manner." However, sources at the DNR report that

negotiations with the Council to purchase the property continue to date.

GRANTS:

In December 2000 the District and the Foundation applied for a \$50,000 Chippewa County Stewardship Grant to assist in purchasing a 59-acre parcel with 650 feet of shoreline on Long Lake, to be managed and owned by the Foundation. The Land Conservation Committee approved the grant on April 25, 2001. It is a great example of private/public partnership to protect and preserve the natural environment of the lake and its surrounding lakeshore through conservancy. And don't miss reading the update from the Fish & Water Quality Committee about the Lake Planning Grant that is mapping Long Lake's watershed and tabulating 20 years of oxygen data collected from Lower Long Lake.

The number of issues affecting lakes and the planning to address those issues create a need to be informed, educated and involved members of the District.

June 9 - Informational Hearing at Sampson Town Hall 9-12:30.
June 30 - Public Hearing (site and time to be determined)
July 6 - Deadline for written comments to Zoning Department, 711 Bridge St. Chippewa Falls 54729. A draft of the Zoning Ordinance Revision can be accessed at www.county.chippewa.wi.us. Go to Departments then Zoning.

**Important
ZONING
Meetings
To
Remember**

LLLPRD 26th Annual Meeting

The LLLPRD Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 28 at 9:00 a.m. at Sampson Town Hall. Refreshments will be served, and many vital issues will be discussed.

Although the program at the annual meeting will center around the results of the watershed update and oxygen data tabulation, other issues are slated to be discussed. The fate of Camp Chippewa Bay, zoning issues, committee reports and the election of a new commissioner are on the agenda. Lou Frase will present a great deal of information using several maps and news from the land-use studies for which we

budgeted and earned a DNR grant last year.

The proposed budget for 2001-2002 will be voted on after the discussion of a possible tax levy. The proposed budget is outlined in detail in this newsletter so that everyone will be prepared for the discussion and vote.

If you will be unable to attend the meeting but are interested in voting by absentee ballot, please contact Wayne Sauls (967-2152).

Great Blue Herons at the Ice Age Center - by Jan Frase

I encourage you to take time to enjoy a spring highlight - the Great Blue Heron Rookery off the Ice Age Trail. Park your car in the small lot on the north side of County Highway M, 0.8 miles west of the main entrance to the Ice Age Center. It's about a five-minute walk in the trail to the first small pothole lake on the left of the trail; the site of the rookery. You can quietly sneak off trail a few feet to look out over and south of the lake to

the nests up in the trees. Bring your binoculars to get a close-up look at the herons perched on the nests, flying in with nesting materials and later on, the babies with open mouths, waiting to be fed.



WAL 2001 Convention -by Jan Frase

Guy Wood and I attended the WAL Annual Convention in Stevens Point on March 8-10, 2001. The theme was "The Water Way: Wisconsin Lakes-The Next Ten Years."

Governor Scott McCallom welcomed attendees on Friday and Darrell Bazzell, Secretary of the DNR, presented "The Water Way," a strategic plan for the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership for the first decade of the 21st Century. Senators Jim Baumgart, Brian Burke, Rob Cowles and Representative Scott Gunderson discussed and answered questions about legislative issues that impact Wisconsin's waters.

Guy and I attended several workshops addressing lake issues. WAL's Annual Meeting on

Saturday addressed resolutions concerning wetland protection legislation, fair allocation of motorboat gas tax and slow-no-wake (SNW) areas for boating.

As District representatives we agreed with continuing wetland protection and fair allocation of gas taxes. We disagreed with the uniform 200-foot SNW resolution which reads, "Be it resolved that the Wisconsin Association of Lakes and the Conservation Congress propose amendment to the state statutes (section 30.66(3)(b), so that no person may operate a motorboat, including a personal watercraft, at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake within 200 feet of the shoreline of any lake."

This was combined with passage of a resolution that reads, "Be it resolved that the Wisconsin Association of Lakes and the Conservation Congress propose amendment to the state statutes (section 30.635), so that the statute refers to 50 'usable' acres or less, and define 'usable' as excluding that portion of the lake within 200 feet of the shoreline, causing lakes with less than 50 acres of 'usable surface water' to be regarded as slow-no-wake lakes."

The irregularity and configuration of Long Lake's shoreline could cause these resolutions to apply to certain areas of the lake. *All the advisory resolutions were passed.*

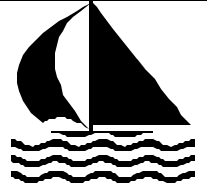
Lake News

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HELP PASS THE WORD



Zebra Mussels, Eurasian Milfoil and Purple Loosestife continue their spread from one water body to another in Wisconsin. The answer to prevention and further contamination of our waters is how we take care of our water equipment.

BOATERS, ANGLERS, WATERSKIERS, JETSKIERS, SAILORS, CANOEISTS:

After you leave a lake or river and **before** you go to another body of water –

1. **WASH** your boat, jetski, downrigger, trailer, etc. and let it dry for three days if possible.
2. **REMOVE** visible plants and animals from boat, trailer and accessory equipment (anchors, centerboards, trailer, hitch, wheels, rollers, cables, axles).
3. **DRAIN** livewells, bilge water, transom wells

before leaving the water access area.

4. **EMPTY** bait buckets on land, never into the water. Never dip your bait or minnow bucket into one lake if it has water in it from another. Never dump live fish from one water body into other waters.
5. **LEARN** what organisms look like. Check out the district's bulletin board at the Highway 40 boat landing!

Although the District has posted DNR signs about cleaning boats at the boat landings, we all need to know prevention methods and **PASS THE WORD ON TO OTHERS.**

IT'S ALL ABOUT PHOSPHOROUS, PHOLKS!!

In the fall newsletter you learned that the district had received a DNR grant for the purpose of repeating land use studies last updated in 1984. The project is underway and the initial information obtained is impressive. Using aerial photography and geographic information systems, Nick Stadnyk of Applied Data Consultants has developed digital maps of the Long Lake watershed and its current land uses. This information can then be compared to land use generated from 1938 aerial photos available at the Chippewa County Land Conservation department.

Land uses include such varied items as wetlands, woodlands,

grassland and most importantly the human presence categorized as agriculture, both haycrops and rowcrops (Corn, Soybeans, etc.), and housing, categorized as high, medium, or low urban density. This information has been transmitted to the DNR where phosphorous loading can be calculated for each of the categories. At the end of this process we will have analyzed what the current annual phosphorous load is compared to its historical levels - information that will be vital in assessing the current, as well as projecting the future state of our lake water quality. If we keep in mind the fact that the major contributor to poor water quality is the phosphorous

level (which stimulates overgrowth of algae which then begin the downward spiral of poor water clarity, decreasing oxygen levels and loss of the more desirable oxygen dependent species of vegetation and fish, leaving behind a degraded and undesirable waterbody) then we will understand the value of this work.

Make sense? If you want more information please attend the annual meeting where this will be discussed further and questions can be answered.

Fourth Annual Picnic



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

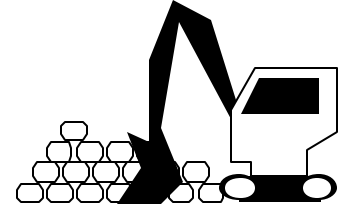
The date for the Annual Picnic is just around the corner! The picnic will be held at Morris-Erickson Park (Hwy. 40) on Saturday, June 16 at 11:30 a.m. As in years past, hamburgers and their condiments will be provided. Please bring your own

beverages, a dish to pass and lawn chairs on which to sit and enjoy the day.

Call Lesley Sauls (715-967-2152) to participate in the final planning of this third annual picnic. It has been a fun, successful day in the past, and we hope to have another great turnout.

TOWN ROAD WORK ON BASSWOOD, MUSKIE AND SAND LAKE ROADS

-BY JAN FRASE



Brush cutting and the replacement of all culverts will begin in early May on Basswood Rd., Muskie Rd. and Sand Lake Rd.

Gravel hauling and milling of current road surfaces will be done

between May 10 and 21. Road surfaces will be built up four to ten inches.

Blacktopping will be done in late June, hopefully to be finished by July 4. Shoulder work will be done in late July.

Homeowners may have to rake gravel fill to level their driveways as Mike North, Town Chairman, says the town does not do that for each driveway. Mike can be reached at 967-2646 if you have any questions.

Foundation Report - by Wally Schulenberg



A while ago I received a telephone call from Don Losby, the attorney who has been so helpful to our organization. He said, "I've got good news!" My recollection is that is the first time a lawyer has ever said that to me. Anyway, he informed me we have finally received tax exempt status for our properties from Chippewa County. This certainly is important to us as we continue to acquire undeveloped lakeshore frontage.

To date, land donations have been received from Schulenberg, Csongedi, Kelly and Playter. The Csongedi property consists of forty acres and an extensive stretch of shoreline. Pat Kelly has donated two wooded lots on the north island with attractive frontage. Jan Frase applied to Chippewa County and received a \$50,000 grant to help us purchase the 60-acre Playter property. The Playter family agreed to a generous donation reducing the cost of acquisition to a total of \$60,000 with our foundation

paying only the remaining \$10,000. Our thanks go out to all those involved in helping us acquire these properties.

Bob Evans, a longtime lake person, died in February, and our foundation was designated as one of the organizations for memorial money. His wife, Marie has sent us cheks totalling almost \$1,000. Bob cared a lot about preserving Long Lake and was one of our first contributors.

Our goal is to convince the lakeshore property owners of the advantages and values of contributing land and money to acquire land. Our motto is, "To Preserve and Protect Undeveloped Lake Frontage." If we all work toward this goal, Lower Long Lake will remain as it is today, a beautiful place for future generations.

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PROPOSED 2001-2002 BUDGET

Possible Tax Levy to be Discussed at July 28th Annual Meeting

	Spent to date	Budgeted '00 - '01	Proposed '01 - '02
Publicity expenses (newsletters, mailings, etc.)	\$596.73	\$600.00	\$600.00
Fish /water quality committee	\$0	\$100.00	\$100.00
Lake Management Grant	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$100.00	\$100.00
Secretary/Treas. fees	\$8.00	\$50.00	\$0 (included in Misc.)
Picnic	\$96.59	\$50.00	\$50.00
Property Committee	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Liability Insurance	\$949.00	\$1000.00	\$949.00
Adopt-A-Lake	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$350.00
WAL meeting and membership	\$432.68 +\$375.00	\$500.00 +\$187.50	\$500.00 +\$187.50
TOTAL	\$3758.00	\$3887.50	\$2886.50
Projected Checkbook Balance			\$1386.86