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Chairman's Column

Greetings School Section Lake Management District Members.

As we wind down our 2017 boating season I'd like to share with you a few topics of interest that we experienced in the past six months.

Closing on the Smukowski Property

We closed on the Smukowski property on April 28th 2017. SSLMD now officially owns the property. We've formed an informal committee consisting of Tony Weidensee, Bruce Bautch and Victor Herbert, who will be charged with fielding suggestions from District members as to what additional uses we may entertain for the property. This will then determine what type of zoning will be required for the property going forward. The Town of Ottawa has indicated that some sort of rezoning may possibly be required but has also recommended we give due consideration prior to applying to prevent any possible conflicts within the confines of suggested zoning. We don't want to rush this decision and the Town has recommended that we not move in haste.

Weed Harvesting Operations

As many are aware, we started the season off with the installation of a new engine for the harvester. Unfortunately we experienced numerous delays, starting out with a late delivery. Then we experienced installation

issues getting the engine to match up with our machine's hydraulic system. Once installed, we then experienced several machine-related failures that were unanticipated. Needless to say we did not have as successful a harvesting operation as we (and I'm sure you) had hoped for.

2018-2019 Lake Draw Down

Some of you may be aware of Waukesha County's intent to draw our lake down at the end of the summer 2018 to do required dam maintenance and also to replace the boat launch. We became aware of this in early 2017 and SSLMD Board Members have been meeting with the County and the DNR regarding this issue several times in the past months. Plans call for the draw down to start the weekend after Labor Day 2018. The duration of the draw down will be discussed in the DNR presentation at 6 PM, and voted on during the Annual meeting.

SSLMD Annual Meeting October 25, 2017

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. And also note the earlier-than-normal start time if you want to attend the DNR presentation.

There are several important issues to be discussed at this meeting, including changes to our weed harvesting operation going forward and approval of the 2018 budget. A copy of the proposed budget is included with this mailing.

I Hope we all have a pleasant summer on our little gem of a lake.

Frank Arndorfer – Chairman SSLMD

The Second Annual Lake District Picnic!

The Second Annual Lake District Picnic was a big success. It was attended by “old” time residents and “newcomers” alike. It was great opportunity to meet the new residents. We will be having another picnic in 2018. We will pick a date for the picnic at the Annual Meeting.

Lake Draw-Down

The DNR will be our next annual meeting to explain the draw-down and educate us on the permit process that is required for any land owner who wants to work on their shoreline.

A lake draw down can also be used to reduce Eurasian Watermilfoil, if the lake is kept drawn down over winter. The DNR will explain this during their presentation, and the voters will be asked during the Annual meeting to vote on extending the draw down over winter.

Annual District Meeting

The DNR will be presenting information regarding the lake draw down, at 6:00 PM, prior to the actual Lake District Annual Meeting. The agenda for the DNR presentation is included with the mailing for the Annual meeting. The Annual Meeting will start at 7:00 PM. We hope to see many of you there. Please come out and support your Lake District

New Board Members Will Be Needed in the Future

Nina and I have lived on School Section Lake for forty one years. We have made a decision that

it is time to down-size to a smaller, lower maintenance home. We will most likely to putting our lake home on the market next year. My term as a Board member is up this year and you will be voting on a replacement Board member during the Annual meeting. I am willing to continue as a Board member and secretary until the house is sold, but someone will eventually have to replace me. Now might be a good time for that replacement. If anyone is interested in being nominated as a Board member, please contact me or any other member of the Board. I am willing to assist a new member with learning how to perform the duties of the secretary.

Our chairman, Frank Arndorfer, willingly volunteered his service when Mitch Vogel had to resign. Frank is filling the balance of Mitch’s term and his board membership is up for reelection next year. Frank and his wife, Rhonda, are maintaining two residents, one out of State, and they are traveling a lot. Frank would also like to encourage someone to consider running for his Board seat when it is up for reelection next year.

Our lake district depends on volunteer participation, so please consider running for one of these positions.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to service on the Board, we are also looking for other volunteers: Newsletter Editor, Web Master, we also will need help with brush removal on our property.

Don Solberg, Secretary, School Section Lake Management District