



PEARL LAKE NEWSLETTER

Waushara County, Wisconsin
May 2020

Pearl Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Meetings

May 30th and July 4th. Annual Meeting
Sept. 5th 8:30 AM---Swenson's Garage,
W4655 S. Pearl Lake Rd.

Pearl Lake Property Owners Association Meetings

Immediately following PRD meetings

I would like to thank Mike and Cyndi Getchius for all the years they have been the Editors of this production. A task that involves a lot of time: providing an avenue for PRD/PLPOA meeting notification, gathering information, creating a pleasing document, and keeping current on email and home addresses for all owners of property around Pearl Lake. A mighty fine job they have done!!! After 15 years; last fall, they decided it was time to give it up. I volunteered for the job in December, knowing nothing about what I was getting myself into. So here goes..... Your editor is Tammy Chier, a 10-year resident of Pearl Lake, 5-year Secretary of your Pearl Lake Property Owners Association with a drive to take on a challenge. I hope to follow in Mike and Cyndi's footsteps as they would approve.



Greetings from the Pearl Lake PRD

Submitted by Roger Volden

The ice finally went off the lake on April 4 this year, seemed like ice was on the lake a long time.

With the Statewide Covid-19 Safer at Home Policy being extended, we **will NOT BE MEETING Memorial Day weekend**, but have set a meeting date for Saturday May 30, 8:30 am for the PRD and Lake Association to follow. The May 30 date is still a bit in the air depending on the Covid-19 situation; so please check our web site (mypearllake.com), Facebook (Pearl Lake Wisconsin) or the postings around the lake for updates.

The Town of Leon extended the temporary 24 hour no wake we requested at our Labor Day meeting but did not put an end date on the ordinance. The Town Board wants to work with our property owners to keep the no wake status on Pearl until we decide when it should be lifted and brought back to our normal wake/no wake hours.

The Waushara County Sheriff's Department will be having their Safety Patrol boat in action again this year so we will not have to private contract with their department.

Our Clean Boat Clean Water DNR grant was approved again for this year, however, the Covid-19 has pushed back the start date to June sometime to have people at our boat landing (instead of starting just before Memorial Day weekend).

We hope all will be safe during these trying times and hopefully as warmer weather finally arrives, we may all be able to enjoy the lake.

We had our Special Meeting regarding financing the milfoil treatment with minutes below.



PRD Special Meeting: 03/28/2020

Roger Volden
Chairman, Pearl Lake PRD

Board Members in Attendance: Roger Volden, Dave Paulick, Dale Singer, Randy Rucks
Attendees: Getchius, Mike and Cindy; Johanns, Chuck and Gloria; Swenson Jeff and
Lindy

Called to Order: 10:02 a.m.

Chairman, Roger Volden, welcomed everyone in attendance and explained that the Special Meeting was called to address the milfoil cost and the need to increase the 2020 budget as explained in the 'Notice' for this Special Meeting. Roger also, explained if the Special Meeting was postponed, there would be a chance our DNR milfoil treatment permit would not get approved in optimal time to treat the milfoil.

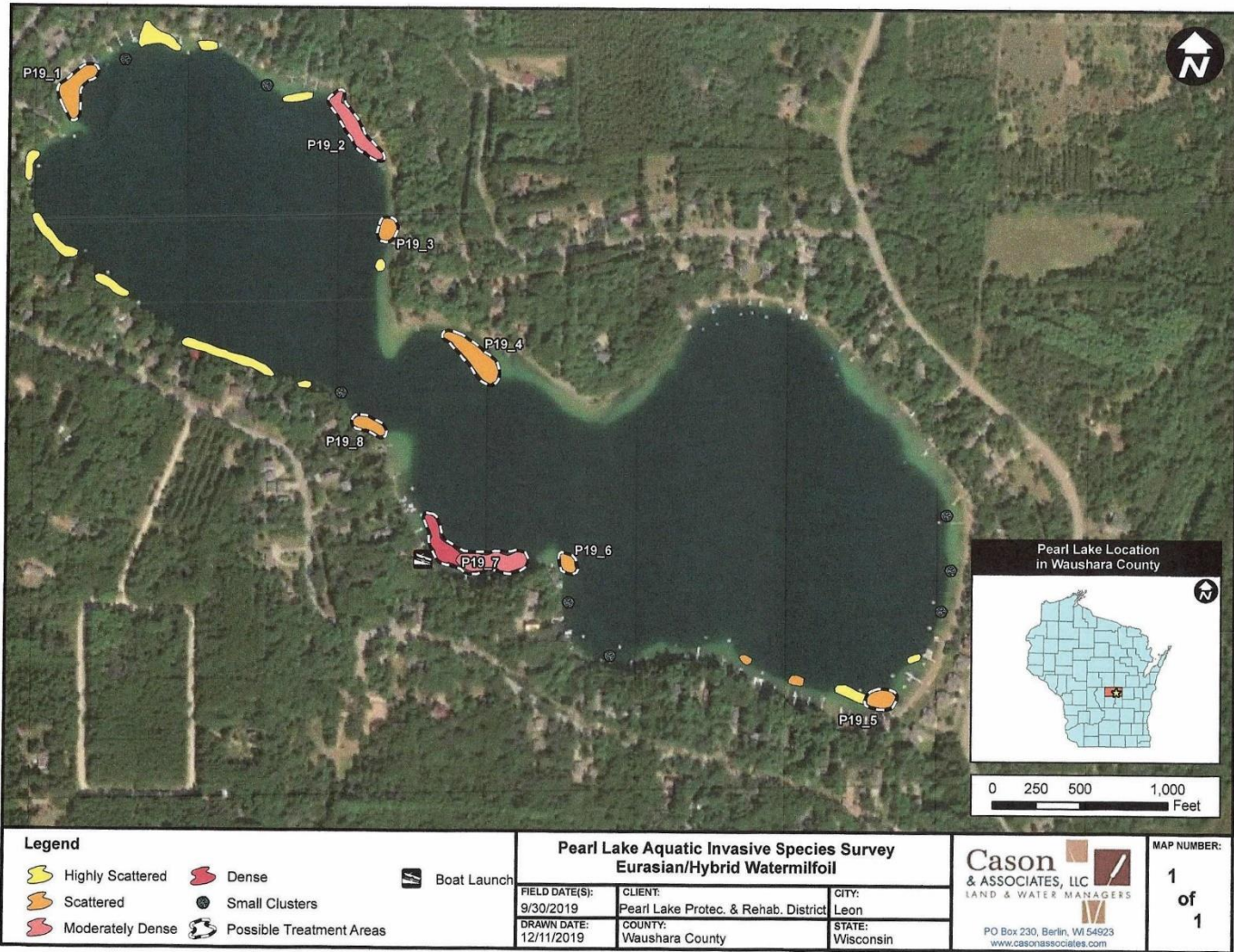
After review of the options a motion was made by Roger Volden to transfer the 2018 budget balance of \$5,270 towards the 2020 budget, transfer \$800 from the 2020 Water Patrol to the invasive species control and increase the 2020 budget by \$5,270 to \$19,645.

Motion seconded by Chuck Johanns. With no further discussion a vote was called.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote on the motion.

Minutes by Chairman Roger Volden

Stay safe and see you all at the lake,



1/8/2020

Hello, all Pearl Lake property owners. With ice on the lake and nippy temperatures at present, taking a cruise on the lake today is not on our minds. High water levels last summer and the possibility of the same this year does offer challenges to the preservation of our beautiful lake. Case in point the population of Eurasian milfoil and the cost to eradicate this species. Water levels and poor boating practices are contributing factors to the milfoil growth as illustrated on the updated map. Our budget this year will more than double to treat the lake. The PRD Board is committed to the health of the lake and will take the appropriate actions to maintain this resource. As lake users we all have a

stake in this regard. When cruising with a boat under power, **please stay away from the shoreline and do not travel inside swim rafts, buoys, and near docks or piers. Failing to do so cuts the weeds and spreads the contaminants to other areas of the lake.** If you witness your neighbors or visitors engaging in this practice, politely remind or educate them on the consequences. Kayaks, canoes and SUP's are appropriate watercraft to close in on the shoreline. If we all do our responsible parts, our little piece of heaven will continue to provide us satisfaction.

Respectfully,
Dale Singer, PRD commissioner



Pearl Lake Property Owner's Assoc. (PLPOA) Trea\$urer'\$ Note\$ for 2020

Mike Gosenheimer

Happy Spring all you Pearl Lake Property Owners, surrounding property owners, neighbors & friends!

As the previous sentence reads, you do NOT need to be a Pearl Lake property owner or live across the road to join the PLPOA (Pearl Lake Property Owners Association). The PLPOA is responsible for all the social activities that happen on Pearl Lake such as:

- Pearl Lake Day events (band, event trophies, give-a-way items, games & event insurance)
- Pearl Lake apparel (t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, flags)
- boat tie up's
- donations to local organizations, etc.

To "join" the PLPOA, the annual donation is \$10. We are a voluntary group; dues are not paid by your property taxes. There are over 245 properties on or around Pearl Lake, yet we only had 104 paid members in 2019 (90 in 2019, 92 in 2018, 107 in 2016, 99 in 2015, 98 in 2014). Membership IMPROVED last year as compared to years past; but the cost for bands, insurance and related items increase, SO must our membership! We have kept the donation level at \$10 for many years and wish to continue to keep this level. So, we are looking for NEW

members this year and continued support going forward! THANK YOU to all for your past support!

If you are interested in any Pearl Lake apparel, please reach out to Chris Hess at cgoodhess@gmail.com. THANK YOU for your support!

Our meetings are on the same dates as the Pearl Lake

Rehabilitation District (PRD) meetings.

The 2020 PLPOA meetings start immediately following the PRD meetings:

- Saturday **AFTER** Memorial Day weekend
- Saturday of the weekend closest to July 4th (typically)
- Saturday of Labor Day weekend

If you would like to join the PLPOA or continue your support for 2020, please send a check or attend a meeting to join. We would LOVE to have all members and non-members attend meetings – gives you a chance to voice your opinion!

The PLPOA would encourage all of you to participate in the FUN on the lake to get to know your neighbors!

I would also ask that if there are any changes to your email address, physical address, or phone number to let me know. This ensures that we can get you the Pearl Lake Newsletter each year and any other important notifications.

Any questions, please reach out to me (MikeGosenheimer) at pearlgoose@gmail.com or call 608-665-3291 or 920-566-2191. Mailing address: 746 Traveler Lane, Madison, WI 53718

**EMERGENCY ORDER #12
SAFER AT HOME ORDER
EXCERPT March 24, 2020**

Taken from Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Website---For complete order, visit

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/prepare.htm>

1. Stay at home or place of residence.

All individuals present within the State of Wisconsin are ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence, with exceptions outlined below.

To the extent individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces other than their home or residence, they must at all times as reasonably possible maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet from any person consistent with Social Distancing Requirements as defined below, except that they do not need to maintain social distancing between family members in a single living unit or household members. All persons may leave their homes or residences only for the following functions as are defined in this Order:

- a. Essential Activities**
- b. Essential Governmental Functions**
- c. To operate Essential Businesses and Operations**
- d. To perform non-essential Minimum Basic Operations**
- e. Essential Travel**
- f. Special Situations**

**WAUSHARA COUNTY
ENCOURAGES TOURISTS TO
POSTPONE TRAVEL PLANS**

Wed, 04/08/2020 – taken from Waushara Public Health Department

Local officials are encouraging tourists not to visit Waushara County for the next 30 days as the County attempts to meet the demands of the spread of COVID-19.

Over the past several weeks the coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, has raised health concerns around the world, and Waushara County is no exception. Waushara County declared a public health emergency on March 17. Waushara County Public Health and its partners in Emergency Management and Administration all stand behind this recommendation with the ultimate goal of providing the safest public health environment possible in Waushara County.

If you have a second home in Waushara County, the county encourages you to stay in your primary residence until the pandemic is over. The sooner they address this issue in Waushara County, the sooner the county can get back to welcoming guests into the community.

Waushara County has well trained and capable medical personnel, but staffing is limited and stretched thin during the emergency. The County makes this statement in hopes of limiting the demands placed on local hospitals, emergency personnel, nurses and doctors. For these reasons everyone is urged to stay home for at least 30 days.

A statewide order banning public gatherings of 10 or more people went into effect on March 17, 2020, resulting in the closure of all restaurants and bars in Waushara County and throughout Wisconsin. Restaurants are allowed to offer take-out or delivery. Many other businesses have had to close or reduce their normal operating schedules or procedures, and in an increasing number of cases voluntarily making the decision to temporarily close. The majority of events scheduled in the coming weeks have been postponed or cancelled to comply with orders from the state health officials that restrict mass gatherings to less than 10 people.

If you absolutely must visit our county from another area, we ask that you self-quarantine for 14 days for the safety of all. The county knows this is a difficult decision, but they feel it is necessary to keep everyone healthy. Please follow the Waushara County Public Health

website, www.wausharacountypublichealth.com, for updates related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

EMERGENCY ORDER #28 Safer at Home Order excerpt April 24, 2020

Taken from Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Website---For complete order, visit

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/prepare.htm>

Stay at home or place of residence. All individuals present within the State of Wisconsin are ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence,

Duration. This Order shall become effective at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020. This Order shall remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.



Pearl Lake Day 2020

Saturday, August 1 is the date, mark your calendars! The lake water remains high, so we are planning ahead to host the main activities at the boat launch again this year.

At our first meeting of 2020 we will discuss the potential for new activities – please come with creative ideas and a willingness to lead or help. The golf and fishing tournaments were very successful last year, let's see what other traditions we can start.

The Redgranite Fire Department Auxiliary will return to cover lunch, dinner, and evening drinking. As usual, we ask that people attending purchase all food and drink from them

(no carry-ins) as this is a fund-raiser to help support their unit, which in turn provides service to the Pearl Lake area.

A tent, tables, chairs, and porta potties with hand washing station will return again this year along with a stage for our headliner: The Leftovers. They will play classic rock hits from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. If you prefer a quieter and earlier entertainment option Marv Nielsen & Friends will return this year from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. This folk band leads the audience in light instrumental favorites.

This new agenda for Pearl Lake Day comes with a cost, we will spend over \$2,800 to support just those activities taking place at the boat launch. We continue to set dues for each properly at only \$10, and we have had some very generous families contribute more in the past. **As you may not be able to spend as much time at the lake or may not plan to attend the first meeting this summer, please send in your dues (see note by Mike Gosenheimer, Treasurer)!**



Note from the President of PLPOA

Barb Gosenheimer

With the start of a new decade we all anticipated we would experience some changes. Over the past few years we have seen our lake level rise to a point that restricted our typical usage of the water. Last August we had to identify a new way to celebrate Pearl Lake Day. The past couple of months have limited our ability to travel, socialize and work. While change is inevitable, it often takes us by surprise and makes us give up a few traditions. It also sparks creativity and community.

- Sailboats can now cruise down the center of Pearl Lake in the middle of the day (when the breeze is typically at its best)
- Many families slowed down and enjoyed floating or paddling on the lake, with kayaks and paddleboards out in record numbers
- Many individuals that don't have the physical capacity to join Pearl Lake Day on the beach were able to join their neighbors for food, drink and music at the boat launch
- People are staying physically distant while connecting more virtually
- Each community has people and families out walking and biking in place of racing to children's sports event or evening commitments

Change makes us reassess what is really important and find new way to work within our new bounds. Continue to find the fun, the good, and the important parts of life – and celebrate them!

Pearl Lake Day Inaugural Fishing Tournament August 2019

Submitted by Nick Thomas



Thank you goes out to Kevin Kerwin for making and donating the new coveted “Traveling Trophy” for first place each year in the Pearl Lake Fishing Tournament.



Brady is proud to give it a home this year and I am sure this will spice up the competition for next year!!!

2019 fishing tournament records	3-5"	6-8"	8-10"	11-13"	13-14"	15"	16-17"	18"	total	
Large mouth Bass			52	141	18	3	1		215	
Northern Pike				3	2	3		1	9	
Bullhead			6	1					7	
panfish	194	101	18	5					318	
									549	total fish



Waushara County Fish Habitat Club

Submitted by Nick Thomas

The Club was organized by Nick Thomas in 2018; funded by Nick Thomas and donations from people who care about the health of the lake. The purposes and goals are to improve the declining fish population and health of the lake that has been affected by human interference.

Fish need weeds and woody structure to spawn. We have replaced habitat that humans have taken out of the lake with a habitat structure in places that is not used by people. This helps create breeding grounds for the fish. Healthy fish populations feed on and help keep algae growth, phytoplankton and other bacteria from getting out of control in the lake.

Over the years we have held corn roasts, fishing tournaments, raffles and have done donation work to raise money. The Clubs efforts are largely supported by the generosity

of people that care about the lake. We have just introduced our first annual Fish Habitat discount card to raise money for habitat projects. A \$15 donation will get you a card that allows you to obtain discounts for numerous local businesses; including a great deal on golfing at Waushara Country Club. The Habitat Club has also done projects for homeowners that want better fishing and/or have a small unused area under a pier that will not interfere with life at the lake.

Although smaller projects are more popular, and great for kids to catch fish at the end of the dock; we completed our first large shoreline fish habitat project on the north side of lake. This will provide great minnow production for all types of fish and will allow natural stability to the lake for long term sustainability of fish populations. If interested in a small project that is out of site; out of mind or you would like to donate, please contact Nick (262) 385-1525 or nick@spsroofing.com.



Last October we stocked our lake with roughly 1,600 perch and 54,000 Fathead Minnows.



We have other projects planned: Fish cribs, spawning reefs under piers, tree drops, fish sticks (simulated tree drop) and Minnow stocking.

2020 is a Habitat budget year. The goal for this year is to come up with ideas that will not interfere with your swimming areas such as a tree or even a small branch under a pier. These will be placed under piers.

If you do not have frontage to sacrifice for habitat, consider a spawning reef under your pier. Out of sight out of mind and your kids will catch fish right from the dock for the rest of their lives. Spawning Reefs are great for everyone's favorite perch dinner to reproduce effectively. If you are thinking about it, you might as well try it. If for some reason you decide you do not like it, let Nick know and it is easy for us to take it out for you. There are two options pictured below; one simpler than the other. If interested, contact me at 262-385-1525, either by call or text.



Spawning reef



Anchored Christmas tree to be placed under pier



Call Nick or email for a habitat card. You will save more than the \$15 you donate to buy the card. Your donation will help for the efforts of stocking minnows and creating habitat projects.

Must redeem card at time of order. Cash or money order. Not valid with any other offers, coupons or specials. Limit one purchase per person per club. Not responsible for lost or stolen cards. No cash back. ©2019 WAUSHARA COUNTY FISH HABITAT CLUB. 262-385-1525

waushara country club	\$30 - 18 holes with a cart
Silver cryst	buy a large pizza get a small free
Christianos	% discount ? (confirming)
Smiley's feed and bait	% discount? (confirming)
Lakeshore Family restaurant	10% discount on meal (wautoma)
Post Office Bar	Buy 1 appetizer get 1 half price
BR Diner	Free Desert with purchase of lunch Mondays
Grimms	10% discount on entire bill wednesdays

PH: 800-378-8889 • FAX: 877-718-0000
www.waushara-county-fish-habitat-club.com

Would You Like High Speed Internet at Pearl Lake?

Submitted by Chuck Johanns

Would you like to have high speed internet and cable television around Pearl Lake? There's chance—just a chance—the Spectrum cable company, which operates in Redgranite, might be willing to extend service to Pearl Lake residents. The first hurdle would be getting enough Pearl Lake residents to express willingness to sign up for such service if it became available.

Neighbor Jani Picard started the ball rolling with an inquiry to the company because she would like to conduct her investment management business from her family's Pearl Lake home. The current internet provider's service just isn't capable of supporting such an operation.

Here's what she found out:

Spectrum would have to do a site study to determine feasibility and cost. Prior to that, they would need an indication of homeowners' interest in signing up for internet, cable television and/or telephone service. Internet speed options and monthly costs would be 200MB /\$59.99;

600 MB/\$109.99; 940 MB \$249.99.

According to the Spectrum website, cable television packages are available for costs ranging from \$44.99 to \$89.99 a month.

Because the television signal would be delivered by wire, heavy cloud cover would not interrupt the service. The cable would also deliver more consistent internet access for streaming from such sites as Netflix and Amazon Prime.

If the system were to be installed, Spectrum would be willing to buy out existing contracts with internet and satellite television providers.

If you are interested, e-mail Jani at janipicard@gmail.com, with your full name, address and telephone number. Indicate the services to which you would subscribe: internet, television and/or telephone. If more information on this becomes available, it will be passed on at the upcoming May 30th meeting.

Pearl Lake Tidbit

Submitted by Don & Rose Siwula

The lake froze 12/13/19 and thawed, 4/3/20.

Pearl Lake Directory

Submitted by Tammy Chier, Secretary PLPOA

Thank you to all property owners that have kept me updated on their change of address, telephone number/s and/or email addresses. The updated Directory will be distributed at our July 4th PLPOA meeting to ALL PAID MEMBERS.

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER THROUGH USPS----PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO ME AT PEARLLAKENEWS@HOTMAIL.COM AND INCLUDE YOUR ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER PLEASE.



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Tammy Chier

Pearllakenews@hotmail.com

The deadline for submission for the 2021 edition is April 1, 2021

Looking for a volunteer to take over the duties of the PLPOA Secretary position for the 2020 year. Contact Tammy Chier, 920-290-2897

Pearl Lake Property Owners Association

Mail your \$10 dues to:

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746 Traveler Lane
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #s: _____

Lake Address: _____

Emails: _____
