

# Updated 5/8/08

## Updates in Red

April 17, 2008 Pine Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by president, Shawn Diebold, at 7:05pm.

Officers and Directors present: Shawn Diebold, Lana Langone, Dave Reigel, David Briggs, Lars Svenson, Dianne DeYoung, Ed Kornetti, Jaci Dalke and Larry Wodell

President's Report: Reminder to residents: use of non phosphorus fertilizers will help in our weed control efforts. Home Depot and Richland Hardware in Delton are offering soil sample testing from 9 – 1 on Sat. April 19<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Cooney is agreed to chair the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee. Weed control: The township has decided on their own volition to move forward with the integrated weed treatment on the recommendation of ASI. PLA has obtained signatures representing 41.82% of the land mass/ 55% of the parcels. Stop petition is being circulated and incorrect information disseminated. It is very important for residents to attend the public hearing on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at MCTI gymnasium. Discussion.

Secretary Report: Minutes of the February 21<sup>st</sup> board meeting were read by Jaci Dalke, secretary. Motion by Diane DeYoung to accept, Ed Kornetti seconded. Unanimous. PLA has received 32 membership renewals and surveys. Sixteen coming in on April 14<sup>th</sup>-t-shirt recipients.

Treasurer Report: Diane DeYoung reported that the beginning balance was \$9,789.15 with income of \$75. and interest of \$55.31 and expenses \$1,357.04 (postage, raffle license and insurance). The ending balance is \$8,562.42. General fund \$2,235.72, Firework fund \$5,622 and Buoy fund \$704.70. At this time \$850 donations have been collected toward the ASI survey, shortfall of \$1,150.

A budget has been prepared for 2008. Motion to accept by Lana Langone, seconded by Dave Reigel, unanimous.

Vice President's Report: Ed Kornetti has been working with his committee on reviewing the bylaws. Any changes to the bylaws must be made at the annual general membership meeting in June. Discussion about moving the annual general membership meeting to a different day and time. Motion to move the annual membership meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June (June 21<sup>st</sup>) by Lars Svenson, Lana Langone seconded, one objection, motion carried. Ed Kornetti made a motion to add a vote onto the agenda for the annual Members Meeting, June 21, 2008 to raise the annual PLA dues to \$25, Lana Langone seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Membership Committee Report: Shawn mentioned that Doug DeYoung needs some additional help, Lars Svenson offered to help. Project: new directory.

Website Report: Ted DeVries looking into ways to archive older information on site. To date: 3000 hits! Confusion with server charges worked out with Pete Seibert and he has changed the address to the PLA post box. Shawn and Ted will meet to clean up site.

Bouy Report: Ed Kornetti and Larry Wodell will be getting the pontoon boat out of storage and placing buoys on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee: Kevin Cooney has offered to chair fireworks. Raffle license has been received. DJ has been called but has not replied. Discussion to change music format and save the \$400 for DJ. Need to know who gives cash donations, in a timely manner, so names can be printed on tickets.

Paddle boat races, need volunteer. Nancy Gibson will handle turtle race. PLA boat to head pontoon parade this year. Need help to decorate.

Lakewide garage sale sign up sheet to help Lori McAdam. Raffle tickets will be available.

Swim Lessons at MCTI will be organized by Jeannie Hoelscher.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

## Minutes

### Prairieville Township meeting 2/13/08

At the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Comment portion on the Township agenda, comments were recorded from:

~Greg Danneffel raised the topic of an ordinance in the Township to ban phosphorus fertilizers and a discussion ensued.

~Bob Pence commented on weed treatment with herbicides and expressed concern that treatment could make the weeds worse.

~Jay Wesley of the Plainwell DNR office made the following comments:

-Commented on invasive non-native, Eurasian Water milfoil

-He has no position on treatment of EWM.

\*\* -He would like the opportunity to speak at a Pine Lake Association meeting, and commended the PLA for addressing the EWM issue/problem.

-There are some lakes in Barry County which have never been treated for EWM, and it has not taken over these lakes.

-Does not feel Pine Lake requires a full lake Sonar treatment, at this time.

-Discussed biological control of EWM with Middfoil weevils, supplied only by Enviro Science of Ohio. Expressed concern about stocking weevils in deep water areas where

EWM exists. Discussion ensued about weevils' habits in migrating to shoreline to overwinter:

- 1) Trustee Bill Miller asked how far weevils can travel in order to get to shoreline
  - 2) Can they fly or swim
  - 3) Do they need the Milfoil plant all the way to shoreline in order to travel on it, to get to shoreline?
  - 4) Shorelines with steep seawalls are not desirable for weevils etc.
- Comments on benefits of reducing nutrient load into lakes and that effect on aquatic weeds. PLA has speaker arranged to address this issue at the Feb 21<sup>st</sup> membership meeting.
- Comments on benefits and hope for a long term treatment plan.

~Greg Danneffel gave comment on herbicide use as treatment method and expressed his hope that the Township Board would not take this action since this is not a public safety issue.

~Dave Eddy asked additional questions of Jay Wesley – DNR, about weevils.

~Joe Gabos reported that he had discussions with a biologist in Northern Michigan who reported weevils will overwinter in the water (there was additional discussion and some confusion about this). Also reported a stop petition is being circulated and requested it be noted that he began circulating on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. Supervisor Stoneburner commented that no action had been taken yet by the Township Board, other than discussions, education and meetings and therefore there is nothing to “stop”.

~Mike (Pine Lake 3) commented that it is against the law for residents to administer herbicides on their own and without permits and Jay Wesley was asked about this. Jay clarified that it is illegal on “public” lakes.

~Elaine Brown (Lake 1) Questioned how herbicides can be sold “over the counter” if they are illegal. Jay Wesley advised private lake/pond owners can treat their bodies of water legally.

Pine Lake Weed as posted on the Township Agenda item #2 comments & discussion:

- Supervisor Stoneburner reported the detailed herbicide applicator bids have been received from ASI.
- He reported he has already had and will continue to have, discussions with several professionals to learn new information about various issues pertaining to EWM and treatment.
- Township will request the DEQ conduct surveys of Pine and Crooked Lakes this spring.
- Township is currently verifying signatures on petitions submitted at Jan 9<sup>th</sup> meeting from PLA.
- Discussion ensued regarding letters and emails received by Township from residents absent for the winter, who expressed their support. It was discussed that letters mailed in with signatures would be counted as actual petition signatures, however, emails could not

be verified who the email was from and therefore would not be counted. Shawn Diebold asked for a copy/list of those who emailed so the PLA can contact those residents to advise them to their support will count if they sign and mail a support letter into the township, and advise them their email did not count.

-Further discussions and questions ensued and Supervisor Stoneburner advised he will check with Attorney for clarification on counting the emails and mailed/signed letters from residents, as petition signatures or not.

-Richard Vanniman requested clarification about signatures from residents with multiple properties. It appears, as I understood it, that the property owner needs to sign their name once, but must list all parcel numbers or addresses of each property. However, further discussion seemed to determine that if a property owner signs, then all their properties would be considered "signed for".

-John Morrow (Pine Lake 3) commented on damage to the lake from the previous weed treatment method with herbicides and his concern with treating the lake the same way again since the fishing is just getting back to normal or recovering from the first weed treatment.

This is a summary of the notes I took and to the best of my understanding of what was said. I have attempted to present a fair summary of comments and information as I understood was presented. I apologize for any mischaracterization of comments or incorrect or misspelled names.

Shawn Diebold ~ PLA President 2/18/08

\*\*After meeting adjourned I committed to Jay Wesley-Plainwell DNR that the PLA Board would organize a PLA meeting (target date in May) for him to speak to members.

Minutes of the board meeting of the Pine Lake Association      January 31, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by president, Shawn Diebold

Present: Shawn Diebold, Jaci Dalke, Lana Langone, Larry Wodell, Doug DeYoung, Diane DeYoung, Tom Tarleton, Jennifer Jones, Dave Riegel, Trustee Bill Miller, Township Supervisor Jim Stoneburner

President's report: Shawn and Lana will attend Lake Association President's meeting in Delton on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Secretary report: Minutes of the Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting approved.

Treasurer Report: Balance in bank \$9848.11, \$6000 of which has been placed in a CD @4.75%. Income \$763.29, expenses \$2403.89.

Shawn introduced our guests for the evening. They were Jennifer Jones of ASI, Township Trustee Bill Miller and Township Supervisor Jim Stoneburner. We are currently at 40.61% with

one property that is in question, and may be added into the assessment district, that would bring us to 43.61% of the land mass signed on the support petitions that have been turned into the township. Members of the board are encouraged to continue obtaining signatures and cleaning up items required on our parcels spreadsheet to be turned in by the February 13<sup>th</sup> township meeting. The association has received a letter of assurance from the Tom Moon, representing the Lindsay/Moon property (33% land mass) that states they will remain neutral on the issue, and will NOT sign any petition associated with establishing a special assessment district funding weed treatment. Discussion took place about residents signing both petitions as happened previously. Supervisor Stoneburner requested that we continue educating our residents to avoid this and obtain the required 50% + land mass. He sees that everyone is coming to a position of compromise and that the township board is aware that some action needs to be taken at Pine Lake.

Shawn read the letter received from resident, George Hoffman, who is concerned about the way the PLA portrayed the milfoil survey (map inset) on the flier mailed out. Discussion ensued and it was determined that we need to add an FAQ to our website to publicly answer this concern and the concerns of other residents, that our members encountered, while circulating petitions. Lana and Shawn will be gathering the questions and will prepare an FAQ list to post on the website, also may be included in the next newsletter (if space allows).

Bill Miller brought up the fact that he has introduced an ordinance for phosphate control within Prairieville Township, and that our residents need to be educated on these issues. Shawn explained that we have a general membership meeting, February 21, at which time we have Dr. Ken Kornheiser, from the Four Township Water Resources Council, speaking to our residents about managing our lake from a watershed approach (including phosphate control). We will include a report of his presentation in the newsletter and website. Noted that leaf burning less than 100 feet from the lake is detrimental, consider composting. There was discussion that perhaps Todd Ketchum could help with supplying phosphorus-free fertilizers. Shawn extended an invitation to Bill Miller to join us at our Feb. 21 meeting, to be available to answer resident's questions about the proposed ordinance.

Jennifer of ASI mentioned that she had recently been nominated to the executive committee of the Michigan Lakes and Streams. One of their projects is to provide links for Michigan lake associations to network and disseminate information to each other.

Jennifer provided all present with the herbicide bid summary that is good for one year. The bid was sent out to five companies, four responded, Professional Lake Management, Aquatic Services, Inc., Savin Lake Services and Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control, Inc. Her preference is Aquatic Services due to the fact that they meter any product used and are very thorough; however, she is comfortable with any that responded as all herbicide applications will be monitored by ASI. All companies have been given the following requirements: 1. must provide proof of insurance naming ASI, PLA and the Township board additional insured 2. it must be a calm day to apply, winds less than 10 mph 3. must be fairly priced. The various herbicides included in bids were discussed as well as water usage restrictions for each. An integrated treatment to include weevils is proposed and EnviroScience (supplier of the Milfoil weevils) will honor the pricing given Shawn when she inquired about the weevils last year. Supervisor Stoneburner explained to the board that the final decision on the treatment and which herbicide applicator is hired is the decision of the township board and will not be decided on who gave the lowest bid but who will do the best job for the lake. He suggested that we keep in mind that a maintenance program will need to be considered prior to the end of the seven year assessment. Jennifer confirmed that the DEQ's requirement for a fluridone permit requires biweekly secchi

disk measurements from mid April through mid September of the year prior to treatment year. This test measures light transparencies for aquatic plants. These measurements will be recorded this year.

Discussion regarding a membership committee: Lana explained that in the past, the chair would be someone knowledgeable that could answer prospective member's questions, have a committee to publish the directory, and oversee the annual pig roast for the membership drive. Doug DeYoung offered to head the membership committee. Jaci will put together a welcome packet to be given to new residents to present to the board for approval. Jorene Morrow, a realtor and resident of Pine Lake, has agreed to provide names of new people moving to the lake and Jaci has agreed to meet with them. A suggestion was made that interviews and photos could be put on the website or in newsletters as an introduction.

Possible need to amend bylaws regarding specified general membership meetings.

Larry agreed to help with the buoy committee. Also discuss with Ed Kornetti.

Garage Sale: Lori McAdam will be contacted to confirm that she is willing to chair the garage sale again this year, scheduled for June 27 & 28.

July 4<sup>th</sup>: Dave Riegel will help with business donations for raffle and apply for raffle license.

The Board agreed to conduct monthly Board meetings on the third Thursday of each month beginning in March. February monthly Board meeting will be Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, due to the General Membership meeting falling on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Feb.

Shawn brought up idea to do a historical day with our veteran residents. It was decided to offer an open house in early May and ask that the residents that have been on the lake for many years share their stories and photos with the membership. It will be a casual event with homemade treats. Details to be discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.