

Pleasant Lake Property Owners Association

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Dear Pleasant Lake Resident,

The Pleasant Lake Property Owners Association (PLPOA) held its 2013 Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 17 at the Freedom Township Hall. The meeting is open to all Pleasant Lake residents and was fairly well attended this year with over 30 lake residents present. Dr. Kendra Cheruvilil was our featured speaker at the meeting. She is a faculty member at Michigan State University in the Fisheries and Wildlife Dept. and spoke to us about how lakes are affected by local and regional landscape features.

A revised Association Purpose Statement and By-Laws was presented and adopted by those in attendance. The previous by-laws had not been revised since the 1980's and badly needed updating. The most significant changes were made to the purpose statement and now better reflect the PLPOA's mission to develop a lake management plan and to preserve the health and natural beauty of Pleasant Lake. The new purpose statement reads as follows.

The purpose of this association is to actively engage issues which concern the environment of Pleasant Lake including but not limited to:

- *Conserving and protecting Pleasant Lake and it's watershed*
- *Promoting water quality that is safe for recreation and conducive to the renewal of fish and wildlife resources*
- *Promoting the education of lake property owners, watershed residents, and other users of Pleasant Lake about water quality and safety*
- *Promoting fellowship and understanding among the lake property owners so that a spirit of neighborliness and cooperation will exist*
- *Promoting an ongoing Lake Quality Assessment and Maintenance Plan that maintains environmental quality and provides for excellent recreational activities including boating, sailing, swimming, and fishing*

The Lake Management Committee has been very active this past year in building their knowledge of issues that affect Pleasant Lake and in learning how to preserve and protect our lake environment. This committee announced their plan to conduct a comprehensive lake quality study during the spring and summer of this year. An in depth water quality study and complete weed mapping of the lake hasn't been done since the 1984. The 2013 Lake Study will give us the information we need to develop a Lake Management Plan. The results of this study will be available in the fall of 2013 and will be shared with all lake residents. This study will cost over \$5,000.00 and the committee announced that a Wine Tasting Event would be held to help raise funds to pay for the study as well as other fund raisers if needed.

The PLPOA needs the help and support of all Pleasant Lake residents to preserve and protect our lake, our property values, and our lifestyle. We need your input and involvement to help develop our lake management plans. Only dues paying members of the PLPOA can vote on association projects and initiatives. Only dues paying members can elect association board officers. And only dues paying members can vote on how association funds are used. We hope you will become involved in the PLPOA by becoming a dues paying member. We need and want your involvement and ideas.

The annual membership fee of \$35.00 covers the cost of most PLPOA activities like hazard buoy maintenance, July 4th Boat Parade prizes, Fall Potluck, PLPOA Newsletter and other mailings, and limited water quality initiatives. In addition \$8.00 of the membership fee goes toward your quarterly subscription to The Michigan Riparian, a publication devoted to the management and wise use of Michigan's lakes and streams, a valuable and informative magazine. **If you haven't already sent in your membership fee for 2013 please fill out the enclosed membership form with a check made out to PLPOA for \$35.00 and mail it to: PLPOA P.O. Box 302 Manchester, MI. 48158 by June 15.**

Thanks for your help and support - PLPOA Board Members