

Pleasant Lake Property Owners Association

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Dear Pleasant Lake Residents,

The Pleasant Lake Property Owners Association (***PLPOA***) ***will hold its 2014 Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 30 at the Freedom Township Hall, 2-4 PM.*** Please plan on attending!

Jeff Krcmarik-Environmental Program Supervisor -Washtenaw County will be our guest speaker. He will provide insights about the formation and ongoing activities associated with the Pleasant Lake Improvement Project and the formation of the Special Assessment District (SAD) to support the five-year lake management program just approved. He will also be able to share his experience from managing similar projects on nearby lakes and answer questions you may have about our project.

The PLPOA needs the continued support of all Pleasant Lake residents to preserve and protect our lake, our lifestyle, and our property values. We need your input and involvement to ensure success of our ongoing 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 have a voice in 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 current annual membership fee of \$35.00 covers the cost of most PLPOA activities like hazard buoy maintenance, July 4th Boat Parade prizes, Fall Potluck, informational mailings and postage, meeting speakers, Michigan Lake and Stream Association conference attendance, and limited water quality testing. In addition, these dues also included a subscription to the quarterly Michigan Riparian magazine devoted to the management and wise use of Michigan's lakes and streams. Due to a recent subscription cost increase we will be voting on whether to continue this subscription as part of our dues.

We hope you will make time in your busy schedules and attend our informative and important PLPOA Annual meeting Sunday, March 30, 2-4pm, at the Freedom Twp. Hall.

Thanks for your help and support - PLPOA Board Members

PLPOA PURPOSE STATEMENT

To actively engage issues which concern the environment of Pleasant Lake, including but not limited to: Conserving and protecting the lake and its watershed; promoting water quality that is safe for recreation and conducive to the renewal of fish and wildlife resources; promoting the education of property owners, watershed residents, and other users of Pleasant Lake about water quality and safety; promoting fellowship and understanding among property owners so that a spirit of neighborliness and cooperation will exist; and, 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.

PLPOA INITIATIVES

The PLPOA has a long history of working to support Pleasant Lake. In 2002 the PLPOA developed a project to manage Eurasian Milfoil, a non-native invasive weed, by having milfoil weevils planted in the lake. A Special Assessment District was set up to fund this effort. The PLPOA has also sponsored and paid for a full lake assessment and lake water quality monitoring in 1986 by Wally Fusilier and follow up smaller assessments in later years.

What has the PLPOA done recently?

- Established a committee to research options and submitted the RFP for an aquatic vegetation, lake condition survey, report and lake management recommendations to six DEQ approved firms, (Aquest Corp. selected as finalist) study done in summer 2013-see web site for details of report. This \$5400 study was funded by PLPOA fund raising efforts and contributions by residents and local businesses!

- Started to regularly attend Michigan Lake and Stream Association conferences to learn about lake management programs and processes, understand issues effecting neighboring lakes, and to identify threats to Michigan inland lake environments and how to effectively manage them

- Sponsored educational guest speakers at 2012 and 2013 PLPOA Annual Meetings.

- Reinstated our involvement in the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program by regularly testing water clarity and chlorophyll content in Pleasant Lake and submitting the results to this ongoing program.

- Held Aquatic Plant Training & Mapping training session 12 July, 2013 run by Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program, team created 2013 report and 2014 assessment planned.

- Initiated a letter and petition drive concerning lake weed management mailed to residents-results showed overwhelming resident support - 83% of respondents (90+ responses from the letters sent to residents) voted in favor of taking action NOW to continue annual lake evaluations and initiate a 2014 lake management program to treat the weeds in the lake (e-brid Milfoil and Pondweeds).

- November 2013 Freedom Township Board reviewed and voted in favor of the PLPOA recommendation to initiate a Pleasant Lake Improvement Project to monitor and manage invasive weeds. Washtenaw County Board of Public Works held public hearings in January and February 2014 to review project details with residents, get resident feedback on the project and the establishment of a Special Assessment District to fund the 5 year Pleasant Lake Improvement Project. The project was subsequently approved.

- Washtenaw County, Environmental Program Office will coordinate ongoing Pleasant Lake management program, Aquest, Inc. will perform an annual lake assessment and then inform Aquatic Services, Inc. of specific treatment program recommendations based on annual assessment results. Residents will be notified in advance of all treatments. All treatments will be implemented as a part of a careful, planned MI DEQ approved program. This process is well tested as more than 2,200 lakes and ponds in MI successfully use annual herbicides to control nuisance weeds.