

**PLEASE ATTEND THE FALL PLPOA POT LUCK MEETING-
SEPTEMBER 27, 2-5PM FREEDOM TOWNSHIP HALL!**



Kris Olsson-Watershed Ecologist-Huron River Watershed Council-will discuss Green Infrastructure Planning and how we can protect Pleasant Lake.

This event will include a potluck and cookout. PLPOA will provide hotdogs, brats, drinks--Please bring a dish to pass!

PLPOA Activities and Accomplishments in 2014/15

After rumors began swirling this summer about possible DNR interest in purchasing the Pleasant Lake Inn property and installing a public boat launch, PLPOA and lake residents jumped into action. Thanks to lake resident calls, messages and meeting attendance, the Freedom Township Board passed a resolution on August 11, 2015 opposing a public boat launch. The Freedom Township Planning Commission discussed the topic on August 4 and on September 1 held a public hearing, then voted to pass additional zoning ordinance protection for Pleasant Lake. This was a good start to protect our lake!!

Please keep attending meetings and sending messages to the Freedom Township Planning Commission and Freedom Township Board to voice your concerns about protecting our R-3 Lake District and tightening zoning rules! The very best thing we residents could do is keep vigilant about lake management and ensure we have strong township ordinances to protect Pleasant Lake!

-PLPOA representative attended Michigan Lake and Stream Associations (ML&SA) conference May 1-2, 2015 and gave a briefing about Pleasant Lake weed management. An article on Pleasant Lake was on the cover and the lead story for the Spring issue of *The Riparian Magazine* publication of ML&SA.

Freedom Township Board
11508 Pleasant Lake Rd,
Manchester, MI 48158
SYNOPSIS OF MEETING MINUTES
August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm, Regular Board Meeting
Members present Weidmayer, Bristle, Layher, Huehl, Schaible
Items approved:
Minutes for July 14, 2015
Treasurers Report
Motion to adopt a resolution to prohibit a public boat launch on Pleasant Lake.
Warrants
Meeting adjourned at 10:18p.m.
Prepared by Clerk Valisa Bristle.
Approved by Supervisor Dale Weidmayer
Copies of meeting minutes are available upon request from the Township Clerk.
Valisa Bristle, Township Clerk
Dale Weidmayer, Township Supervisor

-Dr. Doug Pullman, Aquest CEO commented: "The Pleasant Lake Management Team did an inspection in early June 2015 and found the invasive weeds to be quite heavy in Pleasant Lake, so we tailored the treatment to suppress not only invasive weeds but maintain the stability of the ecosystem. My later LakeScan survey confirmed this goal was achieved with good results.

-Special Assessment District-Washtenaw County Environmental Programs Office is coordinating this ongoing 5 year program. Aquest, Inc. performs annual LakeScan assessments and then informs Aquatic

Services, Inc. of specific treatment plan. A survey was conducted on June 4, 2015 and the application on June 10, 2015. All treatments are implemented as a part of a MI DEQ-approved program. This process is well tested and more than 2,200 lakes and ponds in MI successfully use annual herbicides to control nuisance weeds.

-PLPOA held an Aquatic Plant Training & Mapping session for lake volunteers July 14, 2015 run by the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP).

-PLPOA performs weekly (May-Sept) water clarity testing, regular chlorophyll, phosphorus, and O2 measurements in Pleasant Lake, conducts Aquatic Plant mapping, and submits these results to the CLMP program which includes six Michigan lake organizations and the DEQ.

-Annual boat parade was held July 4, 2015. Thank you to Catherine Roberts, Doris Taddonio, John and Anne Taddonio, Kathy Moore and Mary Sue Moore for their efforts and prizes!

PLPOA Looks Forward

-PLPOA wants and needs your involvement and ideas to maintain the health and quality of Pleasant Lake! We face new challenges in 2016 including the continued threat of a state boat launch, weather, environmental changes, and the arrival of new invasive species such as: zebra mussels, Starry Stonewort, Hydrilla and others brought in by unclean boats, other watercraft, birds, runoff, and other ways.

-A new potential risk is the proposed installation of the ET Rover 42-inch pipeline as well as a second 16- inch Enron pipeline to move natural gas at high pressure. The plan is for these pipelines to run near the lake, underground, parallel to Reno Road.

