

Lawrence Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

PO Box 233
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June 13, 2024

Re: Lawrence Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
Annual Meeting & Picnic/Social

Dear District Members:

On behalf of the entire Lawrence Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Board, we hope that you are enjoying a safe and healthy kick-off to the summer!

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 2024 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Westfield Town Hall located at W7703 Ember Avenue, Westfield. The Picnic/Social will follow at Pioneer Memorial Park, located at 316 East Pioneer Road, Westfield where lunch and beverages will be served to all District Members.

Items to note:

- Nominations are currently being accepted for two Commissioner openings. One will be for a three-year term, and the other for a one-year term. Contact me (email preferred) in advance of the meeting if interested. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting.
- Justin Fetzer resigned as a Commissioner due to family and work commitments. There is one year remaining of his term and we hope to fill this opening at the Annual Meeting.
- The buoy project was completed by former Commissioner Justin Fetzer last summer. He will continue with this task on behalf of the Lake District. Thank You Justin!
- The Lawrence Lake Planning Committee is reviewing the draft of the “FINAL” Lake Management Report prepared by Onterra. Tim Hoyman with Onterra LLC will be presenting and providing information about the Lake Management Plan at the Annual Meeting.
- Dam Inspection- Bill Lundy has retired after many, many years as the Lake District’s Dam Inspector. Laura Paine has taken over this task and received extensive training from Bill prior to his retirement.
- The very weathered signs on the dam fence have been ordered and will be put up soon.
- Thank you to Cindy Dowding and Deb Rothe who have continued as Picnic/Social Committee Co-Chairs.
- Old records continue to be gone through. The Lake District now has a storage area provided by the Township at no cost.
- The Board addressed several complaints of garbage in and around the lake. There have been more citizens taking the time to pick up garbage and it has made a noticeable difference. Thank you!

- Two Commissioners attended the 2024 Lakes and Rivers convention in April. While the Board offered to send up to two (2) Non-Commissioners, no one indicated interest. The convention covered an array of topics through education/training sessions, speakers, and networking opportunities. While there were many choices, the Commissioners chose to attend specific training sessions relating directly to Board positions, State statutes, Robert's Rules of Order, habitat impact of wake boats, Riparian rights, and the Public Trust Doctrine.

The Board would like to continue to offer up to two (2) Non-Board District Members the opportunity to attend future Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Conventions. This Convention is of value to anyone who lives on a lake, vacations on a lake, or has any interest in the environment surrounding lakes in Wisconsin. There are many exciting topics and discussions, not just boring legal stuff!

- Tigris has been hired to handle the 2024 weed treatment of Lawrence Lake navigational lanes covering just under four (4) acres. Onterra has identified approximately forty-two (42) "natural" weed species and a minimal amount of invasive species. The estimate is well under what was budgeted in the 2023-24 Budget approved at last year's Annual meeting. There was no weed treatment done last summer, so Mother Nature was trying to reclaim the Lake!

Please review the attached Proposed 2024-25 Budget. You will note, for the second year in a row, the Commissioners are proposing to reduce the tax rate to be collected from District Members (based upon approval).

The District's website: <https://lawrencelakeprdistrict.com/> is always being updated with information regarding the District, upcoming meeting dates, and District records. Commissioner contact information is located on the website, as well. Please do not hesitate to contact any Commissioner with questions or concerns.

On behalf of the Board, we all hope to see you at the Annual Meeting and Picnic/Social that will follow.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures [Annual Meeting Agenda and Proposed Budget]