

Peppermill Lake District News

April 2018

Spring Issue

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- April Meeting
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- New Plant Harvester
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- Calendar of Events

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Readying for a Late Spring

The Board welcomes everyone back from their winter retreats and hope that a warm time was had by all. For those of us who toughed it out, Spring can't come too soon, though it is doing a good job of dragging its feet and toying with our emotions.

The upcoming April meeting will cover many of the Spring-related tasks but you will notice one agenda item never before considered. An owner within the District wishes to exit (detach from) the District.

Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 33.33, provides some broad language that makes detachment a possibility. Our website has a link to Chapter 33, if you are interested in reading the exact language. A map of the lake district boundaries is now also available under the "About Peppermill" menu bar on our home page if you want the full context. At the April meeting a larger map will be available for viewing.

Detachments from Lake Districts are rare and very little case law is available regarding this. However, based on a 2004 Circuit Court decision, Donaldson v. Board of Commissioners of Rock-Koshkonong Lake District, some guidelines have been established and the Board will be discussing these guidelines and related next steps.

It is doubtful that a final decision will be made at the April meeting but it is important that the Board establish a transparent decision-making rationale that if fair to all and repeatable should detachment requests come long after the current Board is gone.

While it is easy to just consider the here-and-now, the decision of the Board in this matter will affect the District for years to come.

For those new to the District, Peppermill Lake District was created in the fall of 2002 through final approval

by the Town of Jackson. The District was created as a way to protect the Lake and reliably do that by having a consistent source of revenue.

The boundaries of the District were drawn based on the watershed that feeds our lake. Properties within the watershed affect the quality of the water in our lake.

Peppermill lake is an impoundment lake, meaning it is human-made. The lake, if unattended, will return to its marshy origins. Good stewardship is required to keep the lake healthy and protect our property values.

The Board is committed to that stewardship and welcomes any and all input relating to the detachment request coming before it.

We hope to hear from you at the April meeting,

Peppermill Lake

This and That

- Jackson Township's website is now at www.townofjackson.us
- Peppermilllake.us now has a map of the District boundaries posted
- Stay current with area activities. Check out the Event Calendar at our Website.
- To find high capacity well applicants in Adams County go to http://dnr.wi.gov/wateruse/pub_v3_ext/

Please support the local economy!



ATV/UTV Public Hearing

The Town of Jackson will be holding a public hearing on April 21 at 10 AM at the VFW Hall in Oxford to consider a proposed ordinance that would permit the use of ATV's and UTV's on all Town of Jackson roads. The text of the ordinance and the map delineating routes can be viewed at www.townofjackson.us.

The meeting starts an hour after the Lake District meeting begins so if you feel conflicted or just can't come up at all that weekend, you can submit comments to the Town Clerk, Candy Pegler, using a link provided on the Town home page.

ATV/UTV usage has grown significantly in the County. In 2017, the Adams County Board adopted an ordinance giving Towns the right to request ATV usage on County roads within their respective townships, the goal being to allow the creation of ATV routes that could connect disparate parts of the Town, and ultimately make it possible to connect routes throughout the County. Right now, ATV's and UTV's are not permitted on County Roads at all. Both the Highway Committee and the Sheriff's Department must sign off on any proposed county road crossings before going to the full County Board for final approval. To date, approximately 5 routes have been approved by the County.

So, if you have strong feelings, one way or the other, about ATV's and UTV's on Peppermill Lake, please attend the public hearing or send in your comments. The Lake District Board has not taken a position, one way or the other, on this issue.

Board Selects New Harvester

At the February Lake District Board Meeting, the Board awarded the aquatic plant harvesting contract to a new vendor, Wenninger's Auto Service, in Wautoma.

The Board first became aware of Wenninger from the efforts of the Harvesting Committee led by Russ Stearns, Jay Crawford, and David Brownstein in their 2015 report.

In 2017, Dan Henning and Bill Pegler did due diligence and evaluated Wenninger's

capabilities and were satisfied. Wenninger currently harvests on approximately 4 lakes, the nearest being McGinnis Lake, just up the road from us.

The folks at McGinnis Lake were very happy with the service from Wenninger.

No dates have been set yet but will be soon. Wenninger plans to come and check out the lake in the next few weeks.

When Wenninger begins his operations, the Board would appreciate feedback, positive or negative, as soon as possible

so that corrective measures can be discussed with him before subsequent harvests. No doubt, there will be a learning curve.

The Board would like to thank Frank Knaus for all his years of dedicated service taking care of our lake. We were truly fortunate to have someone who lives on our lake do this kind of work. Frank often gave our Lake preferential treatment on harvesting dates in the past.

Enjoy the fishing this year, Frank.

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>Bass season</i>
6	7	8 <i>LWCD MTG Town of Jackson Mtg</i>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>County Bd. meeting</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Household Hazardous Waste Recycling in June

Mark your calendar for June 16 to get rid of your Household Hazardous Waste. The opportunity only comes on even-numbered years at the County Landfill.

Now is your chance to get rid of appliances, tires and car batteries at half price.

Paint, old gas, household batteries, florescent bulbs, varnish, insecticides, can all be disposed of for free but you have to come to the County Landfill to do it.

Old medicines are now being accepted, as well. Don't flush them down the toilet!

The Landfill, on Highway 21, will open at 7 AM. Get there early. There's usually a line of cars.

More information about this will be available at the Board meeting on the 21st.

What are Those Bags Near My Driveway?

Around the time of the next Board meeting you will likely see at least two white bags of straw by your driveway or garage.

For those of you new to the lake, the bags of straw are barley.

Since the inception of the District, we have invested in purchasing and deploying these bags around our piers.

It is believed that, once submerged, the barley bags

release a chemical that helps control filamentous algae in the lake, especially near our piers. Filamentous algae is the green, stringy, gossamer-like algae that you sometimes see floating in the lake.

The best way to put the bags into the lake is to tie them to your pier vertically so that half the bag is in the water.

We generally drop off two bags per household. But if

you have a large pier and would like additional bags, please contact Dan Henning or Bill Pegler. We generally have some extra bags stowed away.

In the fall, you can remove the bags. The soggy bags make great compost for your garden.

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April 21, 2018 Proposed Agenda

9 AM - Jackson Town Hall, 4th & HWY 82

Call to order—Proper meeting Notice notification—Approval of Agenda—Approval of Minutes (Jan and Feb) —Treasurer's Report

Reports- aeration, aquatic plants

Citizen Comment

Unfinished Business

- Shoreland Protection Grant update
- property tax exemption update

New Business

- Discuss/Act on detachment request for lot 0012-504 (Breninger Property)
- Spring preparation
- Lake Leaders
- Frank Knaus' Harvester for sale
- Town of Jackson ATV/UTV proposed ordinance(public hearing)

Announcements/Correspondence

- ACLA Update
- County Update
- CSWAC Update

Calendar update — Next meeting

Adjourn