

# Peppermill Lake District News

August 2018

Annual Meeting Issue

## Highlights:

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## Your Board of Directors

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## Upcoming Annual Meeting – Sept. 1

As you'll see elsewhere in this newsletter, the proposed 2019 budget is fairly similar to this year's budget.

Our central cost continues to be aquatic plant management. Our third harvesting will occur the week of August 27 and most likely require the entire week given the volume of chara this year. Barring a sudden change in weather, a fourth harvesting in September is likely.

Goose Lake has experienced a similar challenge and has already harvested triple what they removed in 2017. Because they own their own harvester, they have greater flexibility in attacking their aquatic plant growth.

At the July Board meeting, the Board agreed to investigate applying for a lake study grant to give us a better understanding of how our lake is changing. The last study was done in 2002 at the inception of the District. A

single set of data does no good unless it is put into context and a second study will help give us that context.

The results of the 2002 planning study, along with many other studies done, can be found here: <http://peppermilllake.us/research.html>. We have until Feb. 2019 to submit the application and we have just begun thinking about the application but we hope to give some additional background in time for the Annual Meeting.

We have two open Board positions this year. There are 7 members in all. One is a County appointment and one is a Town appointment. The remaining 5 are up to us. So please give serious thought to nominating someone or yourself. A ballot will be prepared in advance for candidates nominated before the meeting. And nominations can be accepted from the floor at the day of the meeting. The Board welcomes fresh perspectives

and if you need additional information about the responsibilities involved please contact any of the Board members listed to the left.

We'll also give an update on County and Town matters. As was mentioned in the last newsletter, our lake does not live in a vacuum and a lot has been going on in those arenas that will affect us.

And the Board will also share the next steps to be taken regarding the property detachment request made to leave the District.

There will be a lot to discuss. So come to the meeting and then enjoy the party hosted again by the Reeds. With a little luck, the weather will be nicer to us than last year.

Thanks to Lori and Paul Reed for hosting the event and for updating and producing the Peppermill Lake Directory.

We hope we see everyone at both events.

## Your Right to Vote

### Join the Board!

**There are two open positions to vote on this year. Each is a three-year term.**

**Anyone interested can submit his or her name to Bill Pegler or Jeff Ranous to be placed on the ballot.**

**By law, nominations can be taken from the floor at the time of the meeting.**

**Once elections are completed, an organizational meeting will be held immediately after the Annual meeting to select officers.**

First and foremost, under all circumstances below, you must be present to vote. Act 275 of 2004 specifically states that proxies and absentee ballots are not permissible.

A single property owner whose name appears on the tax rolls as of 12/22/2015 gets one vote.

If the property is in the name of two or more people, then the names listed on the tax rolls are entitled to one vote each. For example, if the tax rolls show that a property is in the name of Paul and Jane Bowles, then both Paul and Jane get one vote each. If the tax rolls state John Burdett, et al, then John Burdett and all the names flagged by et al, get one vote each.

If the property is in the name of a living trust, only one vote is possible. For example, if the tax rolls state that your property is in the name of Thomas Pynchon Living Trust, only Thomas Pynchon can vote. If the

Trust is in multiple names a single representative must be selected.

If the property is in the name of a Corporation, only one vote is permitted. The resident agent stated in the Articles of Incorporation, may cast the vote.

Full time residents may vote, also. For example, if there were an apartment complex on this lake, the owner would be entitled to vote as would all full time residents of the complex. Another example includes a full time live-in relative. Proof of fulltime residence must be offered at the meeting, in order to vote. Examples of proof include current driver's license or utility bill showing an address within the district. Voting procedure There are two open board positions. Each is a three year term.

Elections for commissioners shall be conducted by secret ballot. Other votes are not conducted in secret.

Act 275 of 2004 now permits electors and property owners at the annual meeting to consider and vote on amendments to the annual budget.

Act 275 of 2004 clarifies that proxies and absentee ballots are prohibited.

"Vote by a majority a tax on upon all taxable property within the District," is also specified.

Act 275 specifies that special charges ( assessments made in addition to the tax levy) may not exceed \$2.50 per \$1000 of assessed value, as with the general mill levy.

Nominations can be made from the floor.

## 2019 Budget Income Projections

| <b>Income</b>                                   | <b>2018 Budget</b> | <b>2018 Actual</b> | <b>2019 Budget</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Taxes-General Property                          | \$ 25,000          | \$ 17,719          | \$ 22,000          |
| Special Charges                                 | -                  | -                  | -                  |
| Total Taxes                                     | \$ 25,000          | \$ 17,719          | \$ 22,000          |
| Grants                                          | -                  | -                  | -                  |
| Interest                                        | 35                 | 16                 | 35                 |
| Miscellaneous                                   | -                  | -                  | -                  |
| <b>Income Total</b>                             | <b>\$ 25,035</b>   | <b>\$ 17,735</b>   | <b>\$ 22,035</b>   |
|                                                 |                    | \$19,130           |                    |
| <b>Prior Year Ending Balance</b>                | <b>\$ 15,000</b>   | <b>\$ 19,130</b>   | <b>\$ 19,000</b>   |
|                                                 |                    | \$15,406           |                    |
| <b>Net Income (loss) and Prior Year Balance</b> | <b>\$ 936</b>      | <b>\$ 31,869</b>   | <b>\$ 1,985</b>    |

# Proposed Budget and Budget Performance

Annual Meeting

| <b>Expense</b>                                 | 2018 Budget      | 2018 Actual     | 2019 Budget      |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>Aeration</b>                                |                  |                 |                  |
| Electric                                       | \$ 1,800         | \$ 856          | \$ 1,800         |
| Aerator Repair & Other                         | 600              | 94              | 600              |
| Pump replacement                               | -                | -               | -                |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$ 2,400</b>  | <b>\$ 950</b>   | <b>\$ 2,400</b>  |
| <b>Aquatic Plant Management</b>                |                  |                 |                  |
| Harvesting Permits                             | \$ -             | \$ -            | \$ -             |
| EWMF Chemical Treatment Permits                | -                | -               | -                |
| Harvesting                                     | 25,000           | -               | 25,000           |
| EWMF Treatment                                 | -                | -               | -                |
| Barley Straw                                   | 500              | 462             | 500              |
| Grant Applications                             | -                | -               | 300              |
| Other                                          | -                | -               | -                |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$ 25,500</b> | <b>\$ 462</b>   | <b>\$ 25,800</b> |
| <b>Clean Boats / Clean Water</b>               |                  |                 |                  |
| Contract Workers                               |                  |                 |                  |
| Real Estate tax                                | 21               | 20              | -                |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$ 21</b>     | <b>\$ 20</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>      |
| <b>Communications</b>                          |                  |                 |                  |
| Newsletters, Mailings, Postage,Supplies        | \$ 1,000         | \$ 266          | \$ 1,000         |
| Website                                        | 600              | 528             | 600              |
| Other-Wal convention                           | 1,200            | 600             | 1,200            |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$ 2,800</b>  | <b>\$ 1,394</b> | <b>\$ 2,800</b>  |
| <b>Insurance</b>                               |                  |                 |                  |
| General Liability                              | <u>\$ 1,749</u>  | <u>\$ 1,590</u> | 1,900            |
| Workers' Compensation                          | 564              | 508             | 300              |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$ 2,313</b>  | <b>\$ 2,098</b> | <b>\$ 2,200</b>  |
| <b>Lake Monitoring Services &amp; Supplies</b> |                  |                 |                  |
| Monitoring Services-water testing              | \$ 500           | \$ 72           | \$ 500           |
| Other-legal-easements                          | -                | -               | -                |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$ 500</b>    | <b>\$ 72</b>    | <b>\$ 500</b>    |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>                           |                  |                 |                  |
| Wisconsin Lakes Adams Dues                     | \$ 265           | \$ -            | \$ 350           |
| LWDC & Other                                   | 300              | -               | -                |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>\$ 565</b>    | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 350</b>    |
| <b>Contingency Fund</b>                        | <b>\$ 5,000</b>  | <b>\$ -</b>     | <b>\$ 5,000</b>  |
| <b>Expense Total</b>                           | <b>\$ 39,099</b> | <b>\$ 4,996</b> | <b>\$ 39,050</b> |

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## Proposed Agenda – 2019 Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting - 9 AM Sept. 1, Jackson Town Hall, Hwy 82 and 4th Ave.

### **Budget Hearing—9 AM**

### **Annual Meeting - Immediately following Budget Hearing**

**Call to order**—Proper Meeting Notice notification—Approval of Agenda—Approval of Minutes—Treasurer's Report

**Reports** - aquatic plants , audit committee

### **Unfinished Business**

- Discuss/Act on timeline on detachment request next steps
- Update on private well water sampling
- Update on Lake Study Grant proposal

### **New Business**

- Nominations for two Board Positions
- Paper ballot election of two Board members
- Discuss and vote on 2019 budget
- Discuss and vote on budget funding mechanism

### **Announcements/Correspondence**

- County Update (LWCD, Data Breach)
- Town of Jackson update

### **Citizen Comment**

Calendar update — Next meeting(s)—Adjourn