

Peppermill Lake District News

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Summer 2012

Annual Meeting Issue

2013 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting

It is time again for the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting wherein we all get to set the course for the next year.

The record-setting heat has already required us to initiate two harvestings, the first of which pulled out more than all of the harvests last year.

While Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) has always been a prime worry (and will always be so), this year Chara has been the biggest challenge. You know Chara as the big mounds floating on the surface which look like randomly placed stepping stones. Chara is a form of algae and each of those mounds can weigh thousands of pounds. Because the Chara is so interwoven on the lake bed, some new mounds may rise when the harvester cuts the existing ones. Chara is partly responsible for the clarity of our lake because of its ability to consume nutrients in the water.

We are due for a third harvesting on our around August 23.

Peppermill Lake is scheduled for a plant survey for the entire lake this month. We haven't had one done since 2002 so this new study will help us understand how the plant population has changed in the last 10 years and give us some idea on planning for 2013.

The proposed budget anticipates another hot summer next year and we have shifted some chemical treatment dollars over to harvesting.

As some of you know we need to move the west aeration shed due to the unfortunate passing of Carl Landgraff, who generously let us use his land over the years.

Earlier this summer the Peppermill Lake Association granted the Lake District an easement to allow us to move the shed to Outlot 5. Even more recently, the Association voted to sell Outlot 5 to the District for \$1 subject to member approval at the Annual meeting. All rights and

restrictions currently attached to the Outlot will carry forward. This will be on the agenda for consideration.

Because of changes to the collective bargaining laws in Wisconsin last year, all units of local government must have an employee grievance procedure in place. The Board adopted these procedures last fall and were posted on the Peppermill website. However, we still need to adopt some form of compensation for the Hearing officer, so this will be on the Agenda, as well.

We also plan to have the compiled results of the Lake Survey we sent out earlier this year. We had about a 50% return rate so thank you all for your contributions. The last survey was done in 2004. This too can be found on our website.

Please note that the meeting will be at the Jackson Town Hall this year.

We hope you can make it and help us in the

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Your Right To Vote

Who can vote

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 12/22/2011 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 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 is one open board position. 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.

Nominations can be made from the floor.

Your chance to vote on:

- 1) The Budget
- 2) The manner in which the budget is funded
- 3) One open board position
- 4) Should the District acquire Outlot 5 for the aerator shed?

Proposed Budget—Income—2013

Income	2011A	2011B	2012B	2012A	2012P	2013
Taxes-General Property (10681 to 14081)	\$ 6,683	\$ 6,683	\$14,081	\$ 9,360	\$14,081	\$ 24,500
Special Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Taxes	\$ 6,683	\$ 6,683	\$14,081	\$ 9,360	\$14,081	\$ 24,500
Grants	4,246	-	1,400	-	1,400	1,400
Interest	80	100	100	25	100	100
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income Total (+3400)	\$ 11,009	\$ 6,783	\$15,581	\$ 9,385	\$15,581	\$ 26,000

Prior Year Ending Balance	\$ 30,639	\$ 30,639	\$27,264	\$ 27,264	\$27,264	\$ 11,470
Net Income (loss) and Prior Year Balance	\$ 27,263	\$ 692	\$ 3,465	\$ 31,860	\$11,470	\$ 839

Proposed Budget— Expenses 2013

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	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Budget	Actual 2012 YTD thru 6/30	Projected 2012 Total Year	Proposed 2013 Budget
Expense						
Aeration						
Electric	\$ 1,532	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 914	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Aerator Repair & Other	131	600	600	187	600	600
Pump replacement	-	-		-	-	-
Aerator Relocation (0 to 2500)			2,500			-
Total	\$ 1,663	\$ 2,600	\$ 5,100	\$ 1,101	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600
Aquatic Plant Management						
Harvesting Permits	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EWMF Chemical Treatment Permits	-	200	200	-	200	200
Harvesting	6,954	13,700	13,700	-	13,700	17,700
EWMF Treatment	-	9,030	9,030	-	9,030	5,000
Barley Straw	525	800	600	490	490	500
Grant Applications	-	-	-	-	-	200
Other (0 to200)	80	200	200	-	-	200
Total	\$ 7,859	\$ 24,230	\$23,730	\$ 490	\$23,420	\$ 23,800
Clean Boats / Clean Water						
Contract Workers (600 to 1000)	\$ 920	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 40	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Other	20	-		-	-	-
Total	\$ 940	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 40	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Communications						
Newsletters, mailings, postage	\$ 612	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 310	\$ 800	\$ 800
Website	458	50	350	42	350	350

Other-Wal convention	40	100	100	222	221	100
Total	\$ 1,110	\$ 950	\$ 1,250	\$ 574	\$ 1,371	\$ 1,250
Insurance						
General Liability	\$ 1,566	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,816	\$ 1,816	<u>\$ 1,911</u>
Workers' Compensation	768	-	800	668	668	670
Total	\$ 2,334	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,484	\$ 2,484	\$ 2,581
Lake Monitoring Services & Supplies						
Monitoring Services	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 250
Other	-	-		-	-	-
Total	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 250
Miscellaneous						
Wisconsin Lakes Membership Dues	\$ 150	\$ 200	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 150	\$ 150
Fish Stocking & Other (100 to 400)	131	2,000	400	-	-	-
Total	\$ 281	\$ 2,200	\$ 550	\$ 100	\$ 150	\$ 150
Contingency Fund	\$ 198	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Expense Total (+3400)	\$ 14,385	\$ 36,730	\$39,380	\$ 4,789	\$31,375	\$ 36,631



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Directions!**

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Proposed Agenda – 2013 Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting 9 AM, Sept 1, 2012, Jackson Town Hall HWY 82 & 4th Ave

1. Budget Hearing

2. Annual Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Certification of proper meeting notice

Consider and approve agenda

Consider and approve minutes

Treasurer's report

Committee Reports: Audit Committee, Lake Advisory Group, AIS Grant, Aquatic Plants

Shall Peppermill Lake Management District acquire Peppermill Lake Association real property for \$1?

Public Employee Grievance Hearing Officer Compensation

Nominations for one board position (pre-nominated and/or from the floor)

Paper ballot election of one (1) board position

Discuss & vote on 2011 Budget

Discuss & vote on 2011 method to fund budget

Citizen Comment

Adjourn