

Peppermill Lake District News

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Summer 2014

Annual Meeting Issue

2015 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting

This summer has been quite a contrast when compared to last summer. The cooler weather we have been experiencing has made plant management a bit easier this year.

The chara mounds that were prevalent last year have been a non-issue this year—at least as of this writing.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) continues to be managed through our harvesting program. Chemical treatment has not been necessary since 2007. In fact, when you look at the proposed budget you will see that we are proposing to remove chemical treatment from the budget and channel our efforts to harvesting only, for the time being.

Chemical management costs have increased significantly and recent studies have shown that localized (spot) treatment is ineffective due to dissolution of 2,4-D in the water column within mere hours.

And one of the benefits of harvesting is the removal of nutrients (ie phosphorus-rich plants) from the lake, something that can't happen when chemically treated plants die and settle to the bottom of the lake.

You will see that shift in the proposed budget.

Over the last year or so there has been a significant turnover of properties in the Lake District. At least 7-8 properties have changed hands.

Our Lake Directory, which was formerly maintained by the Peppermill Lake Association, has not been updated since 2010. Many have asked for an updated Directory so you will find an insert asking for the relevant information necessary to update our Directory.

The Lake directory will only be available in print and will not be posted on our website due to privacy concerns. Its purpose is just to make it

easier to contact your neighbors, your board members and local services.

You may also submit your information at the Annual meeting.

There are two Board positions open this year. Both Art Donner and Bill Pegler have offered to serve again but nominations are permissible from the floor at the meeting, so if anyone is interested in running please feel encouraged to do so. You will be committing to a three year term and to the opportunity to work with a great Board.

Lastly, we would like thank Al Sebastiani for all his guidance since 2002 as County Representative and now welcome Larry Borud as our new Adams County Representative.

In the meantime, we hope you can come to the Annual Meeting and make your vote count. The budget isn't final until you vote!

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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) Two open board positions

Proposed Budget—Income—2015

Income					
Taxes-General Property	\$ 24,500	\$ 24,500	\$ 14,309	\$ 21,000	\$ 20,000
Special Charges	-	-		-	-
Total Taxes	\$ 24,500	\$ 24,500	\$ 14,309	\$ 21,000	\$ 20,000
Grants	1,400	2,392		-	-
Interest	100	26	17	30	35
Miscellaneous	-	25		-	-
Income Total (+3400)	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,943	\$ 14,326	\$ 21,030	\$ 20,035
Prior Year Ending Balance	\$ 11,470	\$ 21,527	\$ 25,682	\$ 14,477	\$ 18,000
Net Income (loss) and Prior Year Balance	\$ 839	\$ 25,682	\$ 30,346	\$ 161	\$ 1,785

Proposed Budget— Expenses 2015

Annual Meeting

	2013 Budget	Actual 2013	Actual 2014 ytd 6/30	2014 Budget	2015 Budget est
Expense					
Aeration					
Electric	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,409	\$ 949	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,800
Aerator Repair & Other	600	2,129	32	600	600
Pump replacement	-	-	-	-	-
Aerator Relocation (0 to 2500)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 2,600	\$ 3,538	\$ 981	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,400
Aquatic Plant Management					
Harvesting Permits	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
EWMF Chemical Treatment Permits	200	-		200	-
Harvesting	17,700	14,074	4,094	17,700	22,000
EWMF Treatment	5,000	-		5,000	-
Barley Straw	500	490	455	-	500
Grant Applications	200	-		-	-
Other	200	-		-	200
Total	\$ 23,800	\$ 14,564	\$ 4,549	\$ 22,900	\$ 22,700
Clean Boats / Clean Water					
Contract Workers (600 to 1000)	\$ 1,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Other	-	-		-	-
Total	\$ 1,000	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Communications					
Newsletters, Mailings, Postage,Supplies	\$ 800	\$ 978	\$ 191	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
Website	350	327	589	350	600
Other-Wal convention	100	200	165	250	400
Total	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,505	\$ 945	\$ 1,400	\$ 2,000
Insurance					
General Liability	<u>\$ 1,911</u>	\$ 2,204	\$ 2,471	<u>\$ 2,341</u>	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
Workers' Compensation	670	605	547	675	700
Total	\$ 2,581	\$ 2,809	\$ 3,018	\$ 3,016	\$ 3,200
Lake Monitoring Services & Supplies					
Monitoring Services	\$ 250	\$ -		\$ 630	\$ -
Other-legal-easements	-	145		-	-
Total	\$ 250	\$ 145		\$ 630	\$ 500
Miscellaneous					
Wisconsin Lakes Adams Dues	\$ 150	\$ 227	\$ 169	\$ 300	\$ 200
Lwcd Support	-	-		-	250
Total	\$ 150	\$ 227	\$ 169	\$ 300	\$ 450
Contingency Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ -		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Expense Total (+3400)	\$ 36,631	\$ 22,788	\$ 9,662	\$ 35,346	\$ 36,250

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Proposed Agenda – 2015 Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting 9 AM, August 30, 2014, Jackson Town Hall HWY 82 & 4th Ave

Budget Hearing — 9AM

Annual Meeting — Immediately following Budget Hearing

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, Aquatic Plants, Aeration, Long
Term Harvesting Committee

Nominations for two board positions (pre-nominated and/or from the floor)

Paper ballot election of two (2) board positions

Discuss & vote on 2015 Budget

Discuss & vote on 2015 method to fund budget

Adams County Lot 12-490-500

Citizen Comment

Adjourn