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President's Message: LTPOA Dues for 2012

There is no doubt that everyone has grown weary of hearing the woes of today's economy and are longing for good news and relief from ever rising prices. In keeping with rising costs everywhere, there is no relief of costs to convey for the LTPOA 2012 budget. The best that can be said about the 2012 budget is that the funding level of this year will be somewhat higher than last year but the cost to residents will be the same as last year, including an emergency assessment similar to 2011. To accomplish this, the LTPOA Board had to make some difficult decisions regarding budget line items to distribute funds where they are most needed: aquatic management.

Every area of the LTPOA 2012 budget has been cut or reduced as much as possible to provide adequate funding for aquatic management from the regular assessments. But, this is not enough. Additional funding is needed for 2012 to keep the lake enjoyable for the full boating season. Just as last year, this funding will come through the emergency aquatic management assessment with the 2012 dues.

Starry Stonewort remains a significant problem. A fall review of the 2011 aquatic plant situation and the significant expansion of Starry Stonewort growth, which became very evident after the lake drawdown, has made it necessary to implement the emergency aquatic management assessment again.

About \$120,000 was spent last year on aquatic plant management alone. Based on best projected estimates, an additional \$20,000 will be needed for 2012 to provide the required treatments for lake weed control. This will bring the total cost for 2012 to \$140,000. The emergency aquatic management assessment will need to be \$125 for each lakefront developed lot and proportionally reduced for back lots and undeveloped lots.

It was hoped that the Special Assessment Districts (SADs) through Nottawa and Sherman Townships would be in place by 2012, and that the assessments would be included on the tax roles. This would have provided a larger pool of funds for aquatic plant management this year. As delays in implementation of the SADs happened, there is no other option but to implement another emergency aquatic management assessment to cover the 2012 aquatic plant management plan.

With the budget line item cuts, the newsletter will be published just two times this year instead of four, the annual picnic will not be subsidized by LTPOA funds, and the annual Christmas dinner/dance has been canceled. A number of other cuts have been made as well, and improvement projects have been postponed. Spending in all areas that are not lake management related will be kept to an absolute minimum throughout 2012, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

By *Jack Rote*

Bald Eagles - Permanent Residents of Lake Templene

Bald eagles have been spotted regularly around Lake Templene for approximately four years. It is safe to assume that a group has taken up permanent residence in the area. From observations by people who have sighted apparently different eagles, there may be two adults, one male and one female, and two youthful eagles, sex not yet determined. The young eagles have just started to show their white feathers which puts them at approximately four - five years old, the age at which eagles mature to full colors and mating readiness. Perhaps next year there will be two more very young eagles added to the local group. The photo at right was taken by Jack Rote this winter on Lake Templene.

By *Dolly Padgurskis*



Photo by Jack Rote - Eagle feeding on Lake Templene

Save The Date for the Annual Garage Sale

**Saturday, June 9th,
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**



Donations to Angels of Hope

Angels of Hope is an all volunteer foundation providing help to children and their families as they battle cancer. **Angels of Hope will be holding its 6th Annual Garage Sale , Silent Auction and Bake Sale on August 2, 3, 4.** They would appreciate receiving any items LTPOA residents might wish to contribute. Once again, they will be coming on Saturday, June 9th, after the LTPOA garage sale to pick up all items residents wish to donate. Just mark the items or boxes you are donating with a note saying "Angels of Hope", and they will be collected by volunteers. If you want to contact them regarding any other donations, contact a representative at 651-2234.

For any questions regarding the LTPOA garage sale, contact Dolly Padgurskis at 467-4728.

Save the Date for the Annual Picnic

**Saturday, August 4th
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**



LTPOA Picnic 2011 - Photo by Pam Cuddy

Ladies of Lake Templene Luncheons

Ladies who live around Lake Templene and their friends meet for a luncheon the last Thursday of every month. There is no joining or membership process. First timers are encouraged and welcome. Just respond to the email notice sent every month if you are on the notification list or contact Dolly Padgurskis prior to the last Thursday to let her know you would like to attend the luncheon. Because of the size of our group, the restaurants need to know the exact number to expect and prepare for adequately.

The locations vary every month but are announced on the email notification, are listed on the LTPOA website calendar, or you can get the location by calling Dolly. With the current price of gas, the selected restaurants will be within a reasonable driving distance.

January's luncheon was at Boundary Waters Café.
February's luncheon was at Fisher Lake Inn.
March's luncheon was at The Amish Table.
April's luncheon will be at The Grille Tavern.
The future months' luncheons will be announced. We hope to do the Riverside Receptions again and welcome any suggestions. Contact Dolly at dolly61655@comcast.net or 467-4728.

Ladies Luncheon at Riverside Receptions



The Grille Tavern To Re-Open

Early April

The long awaited opening day will be here very soon if all goes well with construction plans. The photo shows The Grille Tavern during construction as the kitchen is being expanded to provide better service. There will be a new menu including pizza and some new employees. Plenty of great golfing is already in full swing. Come enjoy.



Photo by Bruce Van Gelder



LTPOA Meeting Changes

General Meetings - There will no longer be a Spring general membership meeting in May. At last October's Fall general membership meeting, members in attendance voted to limit the number of general meetings to one instead of two and voted for that meeting to take place in Fall. The change is effective this year, 2012. **Therefore, there will not be a Spring general membership meeting this May.**

Board Meetings - The time for the Board of Directors meetings has changed from 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM, effective with the April meeting. The Board meetings are held the second Monday of the month at The Grille Tavern unless otherwise announced. **All LTPOA members are reminded that they may attend any and all of the monthly Board meetings.** Members may come to bring questions and concerns or just to observe and listen.

By *LTPOA Board*

Covenant Addendum Signing Update

It has been a long process but the LTPOA lawyer has finished his review and addition of updates. These updates include items that will benefit everyone who lives on Lake Templene and is a member of the Association. Shore captains will begin the process of collecting signatures once again. You will be contacted by your shore captain who will be able to explain the need for your signature. Thank you to all the shore captains and others who are helping gather signatures for their continued work on this collection process.

By *Leslie Van Gelder*

Special Assessment District Update

The latest drive to reach a 75% "Yes" vote on establishing a Special Assessment District to fund the Lake Preservation Plan stands at 56% with 70+ signatures obtained out of 125 lakefront properties in Sherman Twp. We will continue our efforts to obtain the necessary 75%. Pheasant Pointe property owners have been the most supportive with an 80% signature success rate thanks to Gregg Dohm's continued efforts. The support from all the volunteers working with Seven Springs, Broken Tree, Swan Bay, Timber Trace and Pheasant Pointe property owners is appreciated by all the members of the board.

By *Bob Ulrich*

Floating Weed Committee Update

Last summer a committee was formed to investigate ways to improve the floating weed situation on the lake. The outcome of the committee's efforts was to try and provide a service that would gather floating weeds on the lake and near shore as well as provide some harvesting capability.

A group of property owners has agreed to fund the building of a boat that could gather floating weeds and harvest growing weeds. As of the writing of this article, the gathering/harvesting boat is not completely a reality. However, it is close. There is a supplier who can provide a specially designed boat chassis. The business that will provide the gathering/harvesting service will supply the harvesting cutter system and pick up conveyor, along with the motors to operate the boat. We are very confident that the boat with the specified capability will be on the lake for the 2012 boating season.

The service covered by LTPOA assessments will be the gathering of floating weeds out in the open water several times a week. This will reduce the amount of weeds reaching the shore and will help minimize navigation problems. The LTPOA provided service will also include gathering weed accumulations near the shore but not around boats, docks and against the shoreline. Property owners will be able to obtain clean up around docks, boats and against the shoreline from the service provider at a nominal fee.

Once the gathering/harvester boat is a reality and additional details are available, the Board will provide updated information.

By *Jack Rote*

Maintenance of Property and Empty Lots

The Restrictive and Protective Covenants specifies requirements for maintenance of property. The purpose, hopefully evident to all residents, is to ensure that the Lake Templene community sustains an appealing, clean, and safe environment. The following excerpt from the Covenants is cited as a reminder that it is the responsibility of residents and owners of improved properties or unoccupied lots to keep their buildings and lawns well groomed and orderly. The Covenants provide the Board with authority to mow lawns and make any improvements necessary to bring a property or empty lot to an acceptable standard and charge the owner the costs incurred. Please refer to your development's specific covenant. The Covenants can be found on the Lake Templene Property Owners website www.laketemplene.org.

"Owners of unoccupied lots shall at all times keep and maintain their property in this subdivision in an orderly manner causing weeds and other growth to be seasonably cut, and prevent accumulation of rubbish and debris on the premises.

In the event an owner of any numbered residential lot in the Project shall fail to maintain the premises and the improvements situated thereon in a manner satisfactory to the Building Control Committee or the directors of the Property Owners' Association, that is hereafter described, said Committee or Association shall have the right, through its agents and employees, to enter upon said lot and to repair, maintain, and restore the lot and the exterior of the buildings and any other improvements erected thereon... The cost of such exterior maintenance shall be added to and become part of the annual charge to which said lot is subject."

By *LaMar Rogers*

Lake drawdown photo by Bruce Van Gelder. Lake Templene sunset photo by Howard Overbeek. Submit your special photo for inclusion in the newsletter by emailing as an attachment to dolly61655@comcast.net or mail a copy to the LTPOA address.



Aquatic Plant Management Plan for 2012

At the time of this writing, there has been no access to or assessment of the lake. There will be variables, however, as a result of the mild winter that may affect this season's treatment plan. The winter has been warm. There was no hard freeze, no ice cover, and no snow cover on the lake. These factors have allowed warmer water and sun penetration throughout the winter, all favoring plant growth.

The Aquatic Plant Control Committee met in the fall of 2011 and developed an Aquatic Plant Management Plan for 2012. In consulting with the Lake Templene manager from Progressive AE and the Lake Templene applicator from Aquatic Services Inc., the consensus was to follow the existing plan, but there may be a need to implement the plan a little earlier than scheduled previously.

As a result of the winter, there most likely will be less effect this year from the drawdown. There likely will be an earlier onset of problems with invasive plants, which means an earlier onset of Starry Stonewort growth.

Last year, the lake was treated early and frequently with six treatments. This kept the overall lake navigable through the whole season. The Starry Stonewort spread, as was predicted, but was managed. The Stonewort assisted in controlling the other invasive plants. Milfoils, coontails, pondweeds, and celeries were significantly reduced but continued to present problems in a few sections of the lake. Naiad, previously present in the lake, became more prevalent. Its cuttings and floaters collected in bundles which became problematic for boats and other watercraft. As an annual plant, naiad is another variable. It is difficult to predict if it will be as prevalent this year as it was last year.

The plan developed by the Aquatic Plant Control Committee involves allowing the plants a little more time to grow in the spring, delaying the first treatment by a few weeks. Next, the more difficult areas of the lake will be treated with a new product called Clipper, a broad based systemic herbicide which affects more varieties of plants than previously used herbicides. The applicator did not encourage the use of Clipper last season as it was new and he was unfamiliar with it. Rather, he did test patches with it in this and other lakes and was pleased with the results. Clipper is more costly than other herbicides used here in the past, but because it is broad based it will allow us to use a single product rather than mixing multiple products or re-treating areas with multiple products to treat a mix of invasive plants. The plan includes treating late in the season and heavy to achieve a good kill on the early emerging plants and treating four rather than six times. The last three treatments will be focused on Starry Stonewort, celery and other late arriving plants.

Discussions this spring support implementing our original plan but there may be a need to adjust our time table to treat earlier. A fifth treatment may have to be added late in summer. The lake will be assessed and our plan reviewed again before treatments begin.

Please find enclosed **AQUATIC PESTICIDE TREATMENT NOTICE** for beginning approximately **mid-May**. **Irrigation restrictions listed comply with State mandates but are longer than testing will indicate as necessary.**

By *Dennis Nemeth*



Almost everyone at the last general membership meeting indicated by a show of hands that they go to the Lake Templene website one or more times per week. This is a vast improvement over previous surveys where less than half of the membership admitted to checking the website at all. Please remember, if anyone needs assistance in learning how to access and use the LTPOA website, contact Leslie Van Gelder (467-6276) for information about training.

There are still more upgrades and improvements planned for the LTPOA website. An on-line directory is being constructed, and vendor listings are in planning stages. Some projects with the website have been postponed due to the current budget constraints.

WHITEPAGES NEIGHBORS

WhitePages announced a new product in March designed to help find the names and contact information for neighbors to promote neighborhood spirit, community partnerships and local safety. The product is called WhitePages Neighbors. Though there is an LTPOA Directory that provides names and addresses of most property owners around Lake Templene, it does not break them down by specific sub-divisions or neighborhoods. The new WhitePages Neighbors product offers an aerial map of U.S. house-

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Go to the Lake Templene website to find all you need to know about the lake area, events, concerns, recommendations, scenic photos, and even shopping for logo apparel and items. You will also find past issues of the newsletter.

holds contact information, including first and last name, mailing address, associated household members, and phone number. The product allows you to explore your neighborhood and connect with the people who live in it, great for emergencies or neighborhood activities.

To use WhitePages Neighbors, go to WhitePages.com and look for the "Address & Neighbors" area to enter your own or another address and the results will populate with the name, address, phone number, etc. of the immediate neighbors of that address, as many as twelve or more in each direction of that address. Users can claim, control and modify data. They just need to search for themselves, register and edit their accounts accordingly. There is an introductory video and more features that are explained at the WhitePages Neighbors site.

By *Dolly Padgurskis*



In Memory of Marie and Floyd Templin



Photo by Pam Cuddy

Like a winter snow settling gently over a tree standing in quiet solace,



Photo by Lorin Padgurskis

Or a winter sun setting in a dreamy glow over the still lake waters,



Passed away October 22, 2011 at 93 years old.

So goes the passing of two friends in the not too distant days of this winter.



Passed away February 3, 2012 at 99 years old.

Marie, your smile and good humor will be missed!

Floyd, your vision led to the lake living so many enjoy today.

May you both remain with peace and quiet solace in the dreamy glow of eternal rest.



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