

Pardeeville Lakes Management District News

Winter/Spring 2009

District Board Meetings

The District Board meets in the village hall. Generally, meetings are at 6:30 PM on the first Monday of the month although, during the winter months we may skip a month here and there. Watch for the posting of the agenda at the following locations:

- Village Hall
- Piggly Wiggly
- Library

A new Member appointed to the Board.

At its November 3rd board meeting, Chairperson Rashke's nomination of George Grimsrud to fill a board vacancy was unanimously approved by the Board. George is a Spring Lake area resident.

Look for George to help us organize a spring lake clean-up project in the spring of 2009. Watch for more information from George in the near future.

New Website Coming

Work is underway to bring you a "new and improved" website. Scaled Solutions has been retained to develop the new website and we are hopeful that we can have it up and running no later than April. In the meantime feel free to contact any board member with any questions you may have.

More Fish Stories

Following last year's flooding there were several reports of good fishing on Park Lake. We hope for that trend to continue for many decades to come. But, Park Lake isn't the only lake where you may want to throw a line. Spring Lake is also one of the lakes with in the Pardeeville Lakes District. On October 23, 2008 a fish stocking of Spring Lake occurred.

After receiving the necessary DNR permit, a 50 large fingerling northern pike and 240 large fingerling walleyes were stocked from the Gollon Fish and Bait Farm in Dodgeville, WI. Thanks go out to Commissioner Bob Glasgow for coordinating this effort and to District Member Dick Depies for his help on the day of the stocking.

At a technical review meeting held December 12th, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource approved the restoration plan with some qualifications. The letter of approval was received on January 14th. Members the Boards of the involved jurisdictions are reviewing copies of the letter.

Meanwhile, efforts are underway to arrange a meeting with the DNR and the boards of the various jurisdictions – namely, PLMD, the Village of Pardeeville and the Townships of Wyocena and Marcellon. These meeting are to create a venue for the parties to further their understanding of the plan and the steps needed to guide its implementation, and to seeking further clarification of issues or concerns.

The plan represents the balancing of many issues, opinions and options and the involvement and commitment of our friends and neighbors who took time out of their busy schedule to participate in the process. The many parts of the Plan come together to form a guide for the long-term management of the watershed and, within it, the Fox River, Park Lake and Spring Lake.

All are encouraged to read the plan in its entirety or in its summary form. Special thanks to Commissioner Jack Paulson who took the time to summarize the plan's 124 pages into "bit-sized" pieces. If you would like a copy of the plan, or plan summary, you may obtain a copy by contacting Jack and he will e-mail you a copy of one or both versions. Copies are also available at the Pardeeville Library and the Village Hall.

New Pier for the 44 Landing

The Pardeeville Lakes Management District recently took action to improve the use of lake resources. At the December board meeting, the commissioners unanimously agreed to purchase a new pier for the Hwy 44 landing on Park Lake. The new pier will be brought to the site in the spring.

The new pier will be installed in a manner to better accommodate use on both of its sides at the same time, should be easier to put in and take out, and should be more stable with its additional support legs. Please watch for news this spring regarding this landing. We hope to organize a volunteer effort to remove a grouping of rocks. With the number of people who have damaged a prop on these rocks, we expect the turnout to be high.

Meanwhile, a Lake District member has volunteered to make repairs to the old pier. In its repaired state, the pier will be relocated to the North landing on Park Lake. This landing is near the intersection of Island and Gema Drives. This landing is able to accommodate smaller boats and limited traffic. The landing and the repaired pier will be well suited for each other.

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Meet your Neighbors

There are new homeowners who have moved to the lake and the District as a whole. Take the time to meet them and welcome them to the community. The very best of this community was witnessed first hand during the flooding of June 2008. It ought not take a disaster to meet the newest of our neighbors. As spring approaches and (hopefully) the weather warms, we can all take time to continue to nurture that wonderful community spirit.

With your help, more people may find time in their busy schedules to get involved in helping us do what is right for our lakes and our community.