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No wake time: Before 11:00 a.m. and after 8:30 p.m.

All boats are to go counter clockwise around the lake

Boats and PWC towing persons are required to have a spotter and remain at least 100 feet from any anchored boat, dock and swimmers.

Please remember there is no power loading of boats at the ramp. We will be doing some repair work on the ramp soon. This year we have had 1 reported accident and several near miss complaints thankfully no injuries have been reported. With all the boats on the lake we all need to do our part to keep the lake safe this includes videotaping violations and turning them over to the prosecutor

1. TALLPINES PARK

After much discussion the board has decided to remove the rental fees for abbott pavilion. A security deposit is still required (\$ 50.00) this will be returned if the building and park are cleaned up. Quite time begins at 10:00pm and the pavilion is to be closed at midnight.

1. Lake Level

2. On November 11 the board had a brief meeting with the Mountcalm county drain commissioner, Don Cooper. This meeting was basically setup to open the lines of communication and discuss issues pertaining to the lake. The first item we discussed was the pumps and there repair. The large pump has been lowered in the well casing and is now at 240 feet and is now pumping at full capacity. This well is 305 feet deep and the screens are at 265 and 305 feet allowing water to enter the casing from above and below the pump. The cost of this repair was \$4450.00

The second topic was the possible need for an additional pump station on the lake. Don Cooper stated that the funding for this project would have to be assessed against the property owners and that the bid for the well and pump was \$65,000. Electricity and site preparation are in addition to that .The basic overall consensus was that this may not be needed at this time now that the pumps are able to pump at full capacity. We will continue to monitor the lake levels and make a decision next summer. Keep in mind even with those pumps running we still need a significant amount of rain.

The last topic was the 1700 foot long dyke on the end of Suwannee. A few members thought that the dyke was leaking. Trained hydrologist will be needed for further evaluation and we will get quotes from Don before any work is started. Don explained that the swamp drains have water retention structures installed to help maintain the water on the other side of the dyke and without this water level the dyke would be subjected to more stress than it could withstand. I will try to keep everyone posted as soon as I have any information,until then I would like to remind everyone to be safe this winter.The pump will run as long as

needed to bring the lake up to normal levels and the ice will be thin in the discharge area.

A special thanks to John Westveer for managing the pumps.

Trash Pick Up

It was brought to our attention at the annual meeting to look into trash pick up to minimize the amount of traffic on our roads. Steve Protchard headed this project with the following results, North Kent Refuse came in with the best bid. Based on three bags per week, it would cost \$9.60 per month in your own bags (you can buy blue bags at Leppinks for \$.23 per bag and they are 1.8mils thick), or you can use their 90 gallon carton for \$9.00 per month and with your three bags in it, the cost would be 11.80. They will move their pick up days to Mondays. Please give them a call to get on their route. Their phone # is 616 696 4349. I hope everyone joins in and gives our roads a break.

Park Update

A special thanks to Steve Pritchard, Ray Brimmer and Todd Tyron the parks were cleaned up and many broken items replaced. There are permanent horse shoe stakes in Pawnee points park. Also, they put the chain back up to keep people from parking in the park area and launching their boats. The basket ball hoop is repaired.

Boat Ramp

A new fence and gate have been installed at the boat ramp and should provide better parking and should keep outsiders from going around the gate. Better safety for kids too. Please remember there is no power loading of boats at the boat ramp. Please lock the boat ramp when you are finished. We will be doing some repair work on the ramp soon.

Tall Pines Park.

The board has decided to remove the rental fees for the Pavilion providing you are a member in good standing. A security deposit of 50.00 dollars is still required, this will be returned when the building and park are cleaned up. Quiet time is at 10:00pm and the pavilion is closed at midnight.

Fish Update

With the approval of the fish committee, we planted 4000 shell cracker fish. (Redeared sunfish) These fish will grow fast and large. The state record is 21 pounds. They closely resemble the pumpkin seed fish but can be distinguished by the lack of bluish bands on the head and no spots on the dorsal fin. They also have red on their gill flap. If you catch one of these please release it for about three years. They should take care of the snail problem and will eat zebra mussels as well.

Boating Rules

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Have a Great Holiday

