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WEEDS MEETING

February 8, 7 p.m.

Christ the King Church
Fellowship Hall

Meet the Supplier - Pinecrest.

Come, learn, and share your concerns. Remember if you live in a bay, we ABSOLUTELY need your well depth. Without your well depth, we can't use the powerful chemicals within 200 FEET of shore; some of the bays are less than 200 feet wide, which means no chemical treatment at all. If one person doesn't turn in this information it will spoil it up for everyone. The MDEQ requires this information BY LAW. We are in the process of dealing with the Montcalm County Health Dept., but they can't guarantee that it is an all-inclusive list. They did make Gord Potter (one of our Weed Control Committee Members) a deal. They would issue a list of everything they have on file for a maximum cost of \$100. The board unanimously voted to approve the funds. We still need help – turn in your information; we can log it in on the database.

FISH

Attached is an abridged version of meeting minutes of our Fish Committee. Want to join, let us know.

DUES

Remember Dues are due by April 1st. Please remember your fireworks donation (we are not allowed to use Dues money for "entertainment" so be generous.)

The Board is currently considering conducting a vote to raise the dues for 2002. Remember only paid members can vote.

SPRING POTLUCK

We would like to have a party instead of a spring meeting. We will of course share some information and summer plans but we want to avoid the "enjoyable" meeting setting that we all look forward to. This way we can make friends, meet our neighbors and share good food. Please help organize it. (Jbrooks@pathwaynet.com)

FENCES

The Fence Committee will begin meeting this month. If you have a strong opinion now is the time to voice it. There is still time to help with this endeavor. We have to make decisions before April 1, because if it takes a vote of the membership to change the by-laws, the proposal needs to be written soon. Don't bitch – volunteer to make it better!

PUMPS

Watch for "pump on" signs. Per the January *Smoke Signals* – we need to run the pumps every month to ensure the smallest possible energy bill. The ice will be dangerous in the pump area. **BEWARE!**

ICE FISHING

Call me silly, but when people leave over 50 dead fish on the lake (all 2-4 inch small bluegills and sunfish), it seems like a waste of money. Also, I haven't figured out how these baby fish are supposed to grow big. Catch and release if you don't want them, don't leave them there to die. (Done on 1-13-01 near the Island.)

Property Sales

Please, it is YOUR responsibility to report the sale of property, don't expect the realtor to do it. If you just report - "sold it, don't know who to" it makes a huge amount of work. Someone has to physically go to Stanton and compare our database to the tax roles. Please for the goodness of the lake - report all sales. **We owe Marge Kasperzack a HUGE Thank you!** She has already made one trip to Stanton to do just this! Please make sure your new neighbors have called in to register! It gives you an opportunity to meet your neighbors and have something to talk about.

Docks at the Park

If you want a dock at one of the parks again this year, you need to put in a request in WRITING. Send to PO BOX 63. Remember docks **WILL BE LABELED WITH YOUR NAME AND WILL BE KEPT IN GOOD CONDITION** (or will have to be removed at the owner's expense). Remember having a dock at the park is a privilege - there are lots of back lots! Remember all boats need a black polka-dot sticker on them!

Fourth of July

Never too early to ask for volunteers. We need someone to help with the **Boat Parade** (also needs a theme); Need someone to run the **Horseshoes/Volleyball Tournament**. We already have a volunteer to run a fishing tournament - Mr. Mike Moody. COOL! Thank you.

Want the fun, someone needs to help. None are very big commitments - few hours tops.
Contact Kathleen Thompson

Lake Shores Association Board Meeting Minutes

The Board's goal is to inform its membership. Please review. This is an abridged version - a longer version will be on the web site shortly.

Remember we need "new blood" on the board.
Resumes due in May.

Lake Shores Association Board of Directors December 2, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Present: Thompson, Veneklase, Church
Absent: Vincent, Butler
Guests: John Brooks, Don Postma
Time: 8:30 a.m. Adjourned: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Veneklase's House

Since no resumes were submitted during the required time line, there was no election and the current board is required to serve again. To date, President Brian Vincent and Trustee Lee Butler have resigned. We asked John Brooks and Don Postma to finish their terms since both have Board experience. Both agreed to serve on this year's board.

Roles and responsibilities of the different offices were discussed. Final Results are:

President: Kathleen Thompson
Vice President: Don Postma
Treasurer: Paul Church, Secretary: Terry Veneklase
Trustee: John Brooks

Lake-wide Yard Sales

First Saturday in June. (Ad will read 7 am to 3 PM) Last year we advertised in four newspapers. The end of summer sale will be the Saturday before Labor Day weekend.

Smoke Signals - We realize the importance of sharing information with the members, but people don't realize how much work it takes goes into writing and mailing. **We need help.** We want to insure good communications so people realize what is going on and why. It should improve cooperation and understanding.

Collections - The board unanimously voted (5-0) to send unpaid members to collection. This accounts for about \$24,000. We figured that collecting 65% is better than nothing. If it works well this year, we will make it part of the collection process. All members that were sent to collection received at least 7 "reminder" letters.

Fences - Much discussion was done. We need to remind members to get prior approval for all fences as well as additions and sheds from the Architectural Committee.

Weeds - We need help making a new plan of attack against our weeds. Last year was not very good in comparison, although we did have terrific water clarity. We will develop a Weed Committee of experts to help. Sewer installation was also discussed. We are not on the county's 10-year plan to get sewer. There was good thinking in requiring all septic systems to be placed on the roadside of the lake homes. This is reducing possible lake contamination. John Brooks reminded us, that our septic systems fertilize the lake and the weeds and we need them pumped every 2 years for full time homes, every 3 for cottages. He is going to see if he can get a deal with Robinson Septic for a price break if we get something organized.

Spiders - Don Postma will coordinate again in May. The deal they got last year was \$75/ house - \$25/house!

Parks - the tractor is dead. It can't be fixed. We need to make plan for the summer. Our liability insurance is jumping about \$1,000 per year - maybe we can't hire teenagers again? Maybe we need to hire a lawn service (although our last experience was the pits). Will form a Parks Committee to help. We have asked: Al Godley, Mr. & Mrs. Hanes, Scott & Diana Brooks, Mr. Westveer or Mr. VanDam (they fix the equipment and sometimes supervise). **If you can help please call Kathy Thompson.** This will get started the first of March.

Fish committee

Asks the LSA Board to continue the following reminders:

- A) A catch and release population works great for bass and large pike, allowing the possibility of enjoying the catch more than once.
- B) We ask each lake resident to keep your eyes open for fishermen who sneak on our lake. Please approach them, and ask them to leave our lake.

Contact: Mr. Pete VanderGutche (937-4031)

**1999 Secchi Disk Results
Transparency Monitoring Report**

Weekly Sampling Interval	Date	Time of Day	Secchi Depth	Weather Conditions	Unusual Conditions
May 9-15	10 th	12:30	14'	Partly Cloudy	
May 16-22	19 th	1:30	14'	Sunny	Windy
May 23-29	28 th	1:00	16'	Sunny	Calm
May 30-June 5	3 rd	1:30	14'	Sunny	
June 6-12	9 th	1 PM	13'	Partly Cloudy	Windy
June 13-19	19 th	12:30	11'	Cloudy	Windy
June 20-26	24 th	1:30	12'	Sunny	
June 27-July 3	2 nd	1 PM	10'	Sunny	
July 4-10	9 th	12:30	9'	Sunny	
July 11-17					
July 18-24	22 nd	12:30	7'	Partly Sunny	
July 25-31	30 th	12:30	7'	Partly Sunny	
Aug 1-7	5 th	1:30	6.5'	Sunny	Breezy
Aug 8-14	13 th	1 PM	6.5'	Sunny	Windy
Aug 15-23	18 th	1 PM	7'	Sunny	
Aug 24-28	25 th	1 PM	8'	Cloudy	
Aug 29-Sept 4	31 st	12:30 PM	10'	Sunny	Calm
Sept 5-11	8 th	1 PM	11'	Sunny	
Sept 12-18	15 th	1 PM	12'	Partly Cloudy	Breezy
Sept 19-25	22 nd	12:30	12'	Sunny	Windy

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Weekly Sampling Interval	Date	Time of Day	Secchi Depth	Weather	Unusual Conditions	Temp at 2- feet
May 14-20	19 th	12:30	16'	Sunny	Calm	62 F
May 21-27	24 th	12:00	16'	Sunny	Windy	63 F
May 28-June 3						
June 4-10	8 th	2:00 PM	10'	Sunny	Calm	68 F
June 11-17	14 th	1:00 PM	12'	Partly Cloudy	Windy	72 F
June 18-24						
June 25-	27 th	1:00 PM	10'	Sunny	Breezy	76 F
July 2-8	3 rd	12:00 PM	13'	Cloudy	Calm	74 F
July 9-15	12 th	1:00 PM	13'	Cloudy	Calm	74 F
July 16-22	19 th	1:30 PM	12'	Sunny	Calm	75 F
July 23-29						
July 30-Aug 5	31 st	12:30 PM	10'	Partly Sunny	Breezy	72 F
Aug 6-12						
Aug 13-19	15 th	2 PM	11'	Partly Cloudy	Breezy	77 F
Aug 20-26	21 st	1 PM	14'	Sunny	Calm	72 F
Aug 27-Sept 2	30 th	1 PM	14'	Sunny	Light Breeze	74 F
Sept 3-9	5 th	1 PM	14'	Sunny	Light Breeze	71 F
Sept 10-16	16 th	1:30 PM	16'	Sunny	Windy	62 F
Sept 17-23	25 th	1:30 PM	17'	Cloudy	Calm	57 F

**Indian Lake Fish Committee
Minutes Jan 10, 2001
(Abridged Version for *Smoke Signals*;
full version on the Web Site)**

- Member Present: Bill Merritt, Mike Moody, Pete VandeGuchte (Chair). Absent with notice: Ed Wink.
- Ed was not able to attend meeting but his thoughts and suggestions were shared through Pete.
- Stoney Creek Farms (Grant, MI) has been our supplier. Below is what we have purchased for the last two years plus our recommendations. We will also ask Stoney Creek to drop the fish in two locations rather than one: at the boat launch, and at the north side of the lake (near the dike). The board limited the total cost to \$3000. Since the 2001 prices are not in place until April or early May there may have to be some minor modifications from the order shown. The planting will take place in April or early May.

4. Discussions took place on sunfish, they grow well in our lake but Stoney Creek doesn't carry them and recommends hybrid bluegills in their place. We felt the small pike population was O.K., and decided that crappie turn soft fairly quickly in the warmth of our lake. Walleye and small-mouth bass needed colder situations and a different lake bottom. The perch population is just starting to restore itself, and we want a good perch lake. Bass population continues to be good.

	April 1999	April 2000	April 2001
Fat Head Minnows (2000/gallon)	50 gal.	60 gal.	50 gallons
Bass	1200 3-4"	1000 5-6"	500-600 3-5"
Perch	700 4-6"	350 7-9" 350 4-5"	1,200 4-5"
Hybrid Bluegills	1666 - 2-4"	500 2-4"	700 3-4"
Cost	\$3,233	\$3,392	\$3,000

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