

# PINE LAKE NEWS

The Official Publication of:  
Pine Lake Recreation & Rehabilitation District  
Hiles, Wisconsin

## CHAIRMAN'S BABBLE

Hi ! Welcome to the latest edition of the Pine Lake News. We welcome new readers and old friends.

Update: The weed harvester cut 160 loads of weeds this summer. Good job, crew.



The Lake District purchased a piece of land on the north-west shore this year. We are hoping to have all the plans finalized for your approval by the Annual Meeting. These are to include a building for housing the harvesting equipment and possibly a meeting area.

Our lake is in possible danger of a freeze this winter, a situation that the Board takes very seriously. We have been in contact with the DNR and Biologist experts. It seems that with the small amount of rainfall this summer and the forecast of severe cold and snowy winter that we could have problems this spring.

I have checked into aerators and the cost of a project large enough to do any good is far beyond the District's pocketbook. Our only hope lies in Mother Nature's hands. The amount of weeds that were taken from the lake this year will help to some extent. The Board of Commissioners are keeping a close watch on the situation and quite frankly, we don't know how to stop a freezeout from happening. I can assure you we are already working on plans to utilize the harvester for clean up next spring if need be.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person in the District for helping to protect Pine Lake through your efforts to keep your shoreline clean. The future of Pine Lake is dependent upon efforts by you,

the landowners. Without concerned people like yourself, Pine Lake would surely not be as beautiful and clean as it is today. Thank you all again for your efforts.

Remember: It's up to us to KEEP IT BLUE.

Thanks.....  
Vic Burkey

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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HILES TOWN HALL, HILES, WISCONSIN JULY 18, 1998

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Vic Burkey at 9:05 a.m. Also in attendance were Board Members Pat Coraggio, Karl Tauer and Charlie Struebing.

Vic introduced the Board and explained to the members that because of the nature of this meeting, the members will be given three minutes of talk time each in the discussion of the land purchase.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

First item of business was the reading of the July '97 Annual Meeting minutes and the meeting minutes of the Board. Ron Balzer motioned to accept, Jim Krems seconded, motion passed. Minutes of the Auxiliary meetings were published in the fall and spring publications of the Pine Lake News and accepted as printed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Pat Coraggio next distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report and annual financial statement along with the auditors report prepared by Braun, Preboske & Brettingen, SC. Pat quoted page 3 of the report that the 1996 fund balance was \$136,347.00 and the 1997 balance was



\$149,042.00. Pat continued by informing the group that the weed harvester, conveyor, transport, trailers, dump truck, radios and marker buoys are all paid for and the District has a balance, as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, of \$14,733.25. Tom Knaus motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Ron Balzer seconded, motion passed.

### LAND AND BUILDING ACQUISITION

Vic explained to the members that last fall the purchase of a parcel of property, which did not include lake frontage, was voted down. Since that vote, Larry Handeland was approached by Artie Heinzen, who wanted to sell his lake property. The property had approximately 115 feet of frontage by 380 feet deep. The property included a seasonal home, 1 ½ car garage, pier, boat and motor. The asking price was \$42,000.00. Larry Handeland felt the property could be the District's answer to satisfying the DNR's conditions on the grants used for the purchase of the harvest equipment. Pat Coraggio talked with Ms Shirley Van Cleve on the lands value, and Pat was informed that the land's value exceeds the asking price. Pat also walked the land with our zoning administrator, Ms . Dawn Schmidt, and Ms Schmidt did not see any problems

with the property and the district's use of it. An offer of purchase was written, subject to the district's approval. Pat added that in his opinion, no tax increase would be required for the purchase. With this in mind, the meeting was opened for discussion on the purchase.

Ron Balzer began by asking if the cottage and garage were usable. The home is seasonal, but it could be used as an office and storage. Likewise, the garage is 1 ½ car and could be used for tool storage. Ron Balzer asked if the lake shoreline was deep enough. Larry Handeland felt that it was. Don Mitten commented that the purchase price was a generous offer, considering the property and buildings have a assessed value of \$48,900.00 with a tax loss of \$817.00. Pat Balzer questioned if the vote was for the property purchase only or for the property and a future building. Pat Coraggio answered that the vote is for the property only. Paul Gagon questioned if there was a problem with commercial use of the land. Vic answered that due to the weight of our equipment we are within zoning laws. Paul also asked about any concerns of the neighbors. Pat answered that the board members were not contacted and the



meeting was properly announced.

Tom Knaus motioned to purchase the property at the asking price. Ron Balzer seconded. Vic explained to the members the voting rules, and ballots were passed out. There were 46 members in attendance, 44 voted "yes", 2 voted "no", motion passed. Pat will arrange the purchase with the lawyer, including a survey of the property. A special thanks to Mr Artie Heinzen for the chance to purchase his land for district needs.

### GUEST SPEAKER

Today's guest speaker is Mr R.T. Krueger of Northen Lakes Management, who will be speaking on lake management. Mr Krueger was hired several years ago to do our lake study, which was required by the DNR, when we first proposed the purchase of the weed harvester. Mr Krueger had also been commissioned to do a county wide lake study using the 20 most popular lakes. His topic contained information on shallow lakes problems with the Green House Effect, the importance of inlet vegetation which acts like a sponge absorbing unwanted nutrients, and the importance of plant life in the shallows which support the food chain in the lake. Tall grass also acts to buffer the noise of boats and jet skis. Mr Krueger stressed to re-establish out native soil of the shoreline, stating "just let it grow"! He also stressed that septic system maintenance must be taken seriously and the district has the power to inspect systems around the lake.



### FCAL REPORT

Pat Coraggio has now been elected a board member of FCAL. FCAL has been working through WAL and their lobbyists, in the Madison legislature, on laws affecting our local lakes including "Doc-o-minions", which is the practice of purchasing a small piece of lake frontage then developing large parcels off the lake, using the lake frontage to dock multitudes of boats. June 27<sup>th</sup> was a ½ day conference at the Crandon High School and Pat took this opportunity to discuss proposed zoning law changes with Ms Dawn Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner.

### WEED HARVESTING REPORT

Larry Handeland had to leave the meeting prior to his report, but reported through Pat Coraggio that the weed harvesting was on schedule, and requested that the Board solicit the group for additional harvester employees.

1998 - 1999 BUDGET

Pat Coraggio advised the group that last year's budget of 2.5 mil worked well and would be appropriate again this year. Ron Balzer motioned that we retain next year's budget, Tom Knaus seconded, motion passed. Don Mitten added that he would like the district to build a larger cash reserve adding that the district has been at the same mil rate for several years. Ron Balzer questioned if the district could adjust the tax levy by the same rate as the growth index changes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The next item of business was the election of an officer for Pat's term. Tom Knaus re-nominated Pat for a second term, Paul Gagnon seconded, with no other nominations, Pat Coraggio was voted unanimously to a second term of office. A meeting will be held after the annual meeting for the board members to decide who will hold what positions.

ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAY COMEBEFORE THE BOARD

Ron Balzer proposed that the district pass a fish size limit as has been done on surrounding lakes. Vic suggested that a committee be formed. Ron Balzer offered to chair this committee along with Tom Knaus.

Paul Gagnon questioned the board if the district can set the hours that jet skis can be operated. Vic answered that the board will have to check with the

Hiles Town Board, since it falls under their jurisdiction.

Vic thanked the audience for their attendance. Ron Balzer motioned to adjourn, Bob Riemer seconded, motion passed, meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY,  
CHARLES STRUEBING

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MEETING OF BOARD

Vic made a motion that the Commissioners remain in their present positions, Charlie seconded, motion passed.

Pat explained to the board that there was an error in what was being paid to our returning harvester employees. The correct amount was \$9.00 per hour. The board agreed.

Karl passed out a letter from the DNR explaining the boating law changes.

Charlie reported the concerns expressed by his neighbors, on the amount of travel trailers seen lately around the lake. He questioned if there were any restrictions on their use, how many could be set up on a lot, and septic restrictions. There is also the issue of these neighbors who pay taxes on their cottages and buildings toward the Town and District versus the taxes paid by the trailer license. Vic suggested that Charlie may want to check with the Town Board and the DNR on the current laws.

Next quarterly meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup>. (This date was later changed to October 17<sup>th</sup>) at 9:00 a.m. Also, the next annual meeting was set for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.

Charlie motioned to adjourn, Pat seconded, meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY,  
CHARLES STRUEBING

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**MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING  
HILES TOWN HALL, HILES, WISCONSIN  
OCTOBER 17, 1998**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Vic Burkey, at 9:05 a.m. Also in attendance were Board Members Pat Coraggio, Karl Tauer and Charlie Struebing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

First item of business was the reading of the July 1998 Annual Meeting minutes and the meeting minutes of the Board. Ron Balzer motioned to accept, Jim Krems seconded, motion passed. Minutes of the auxiliary meetings were published in the fall and spring publications of the Pine Lake News and accepted as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pat Coraggio next distributed copies of the treasurer's report. The district has a balance, as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, of \$18,484.66. Charlie motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Karl seconded, motion passed.

WEED HARVESTING REPORT

Larry Handeland reported that 162 loads of weeds were harvested this year and the crew could have harvested more if the lake level hadn't dropped as low as it had. Larry added they could have used one or two more part-time employees. Also, if the discharge end of the weed conveyor was extended, the crew could load two loads of weeds into the truck and save on truck use. The board gave Larry the approval to consult Aquarius Systems on the cost of the modifications.



UPDATE ON LAND ACQUISITION

Pat reported that the papers were signed today and the Pine Lake District Members are now the owners of lake property! Charlie suggested that while the district is formulating plans for a driveway and landing, we should still try to rent Tom Knaus's land, for either the first of next summer or the full year. Vic motioned we rent this land for one more season, Pat seconded, motion passed.



Mr & Mrs Gary Steede and Mr & Mrs Terry Gantner, who are the adjacent property owners to the land expressed their disappointment with the board that they were not given special notice of the Lake Meeting. Pat



explained that it was the owner's wish that the land location not be made public to insure his privacy until the meeting and notice of the meeting was properly posted in the Forest Republican paper. Next they questioned

what plans the district had for the land. Pat answered that we first need to talk to the DNR and Corp of Engineers on recommended road and docking plans. Pat has already walked the property with Dawn Schmidt on building restrictions and suggestions. We also have to review our grant criteria on the DNR's building requirements. Reports will be given to the district at the upcoming meeting.

FCAL REPORT

Pat reported on the annual meeting at which Dawn Schmidt reported on the history of changes on laws affecting the lake property owners. The proposed ordinance requiring tearing down existing buildings within 75 feet of the lake has been deleted. Before next spring there will be hearings on zoning law changes which will be offered to the County Board. These changes will include a restriction on lake frontage where for every 100 feet of frontage, owners will only be allowed 30 feet of clear shore line. The remainder will be required to contain trees and foliage to restrict water runoff and land owner fertilizing of lawns. Also, fallen and dead trees, important to wildlife habitat, will not be allowed. Pat and the Board will keep the district informed.

Also expressed at the FCAL meeting was the concern for Eurasian Millfoil. Sample of millfoil, found in Pine Lake

was given to Mr P.T. Krueger and after being analyzed it was determined not to be of the Eurasian type. Mr Krueger will continue to check the boat launch.

ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAY COMEBEFORE THE BOARD

Vic expressed concerns regarding the lake level and the possibility of freeze-out this winter, which would lead to a large loss of fish population. Vic contacted the DNR and questioned if the district should consider aerators. The DNR's response was that due to the lakes shallow depths and its very large size, it would require 75-100 aerators at approximately \$1,000 each. Bob Reimer questioned if we could open the dam on the Mill Pond and let more water into the lake. Vic answered that unfortunately the Mill Pond dam had already been opened this summer, to drain down the Mill Pond 6 inches to improve the bird habitat. Due to the dry fall it is now 18 inches lower. Larry Handeland suggested that we take this opportunity to dredge the creek of some of the sediment. The DNR has been asked about this, but said it wouldn't be of any immediate help. The lake dam is basically closed and little, if any, water is flowing to the Wolf River.

Vic announced that Mrs Joan Ferris, of the Pine Lake Campgrounds, will be in charge of organizing the Fourth of July Boat Parade this year.

Pat reminded the board that this is the meeting when it is decided on the amount of money to be set aside for Tax Freedom Day. Approximately \$5500.00 would be required to bring the amount we have from last year, including the earned interest up to \$11,000.00, which allows the district a higher interest rate. Charlie motioned to invest the amount necessary to reach the \$11,000.00 to our Tax Freedom Fund. Vic added this should be done in January, after the district has received its first installment of tax money. Karl seconded, motion passed.



Karl had no news to report from the Town Board, but added that the lake level has risen 3 inches.

Next quarterly meeting will be January 16, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Vic motioned to adjourn, Charlie seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY, CHARLES STRUEBING

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## EURASIAN MILFOIL ATTACK

(reprinted from "The Lake Connection", written by Les Schramm, Lake Metonga Association)

Lake Metonga Association became aware of an infestation of Eurasian Milfoil in the Lake in a Lake Study Report submitted by R.T. Krueger, Northern Lakes Service, Inc. of Crandon, WI. The Association, at their annual meeting in July 1998, voted unanimously to chemically treat this exotic weed with 2,4-D, a chemical approved by the DNR.



The warm temperatures, abundant sunshine, and low water level, due to a lack of rainfall, caused the initial bed of 20 feet wide by 30 feet long to expand to 40 feet wide by 100 feet long in water depths of 5 to 15 feet. His bed is located at the county park boat launch area where boats and personal water craft drove directly through it, cutting off fragments of the weed which have spread to other areas of the Lake. As a result, a second bed, 1.1 acres in size, was also treated with 2,4-D. A certified biologist was contracted to treat both of the beds at a cost of approximately \$2,000.00.

2,4-D is a herbicide that moves throughout the plant and interferes with normal growth and division. In seven to ten days following the application plants begin to wilt and die. It takes several weeks for the plants to decompose.

Of serious concern are other areas of the Lake affected by this exotic weed and the possibility of the weed being carried on boats and trailers from Lake Metonga to other area lakes. The Association is continuing to locate and map all affected areas of the Lake and plans to further chemically treat those areas. Signs have been placed at the launch areas reminding water craft operators to remove all weeds when entering or leaving the Lake.

The Association has requested financial assistance from the local governing bodies and has sponsored fund raisers to raise money for treatment of the milfoil. The Town of Lincoln and the City of Crandon have responded with funds to support this effort. Articles have been published in two local newspapers and in the Forest County Lake Association Newsletter to keep people informed of the Association's efforts and needs to control the milfoil.

Membership in Lake Metonga Association has doubled since concerned property owners have become aware of the problem. In addition, donations have been received from members, individuals and businesses in the commu-

nity, as well as Forest County Association of Lakes and Lake Lucerene Association, to fund this project.

The treatment and control of Eurasian Milfoil in Lake Metonga will be an ongoing project. Lake Metonga Association is concerned with preserving the wonderful natural resource and protecting other lakes in Forest County.

The DNR has provided technical assistance to the Association and has inspected Lake Metonga to observe the treated areas and look for weevils which feed on Eurasian Milfoil causing plants to die. Some weevils have been found in the Lake and the Association is currently working with the DNR to obtain a grant for the addition of more weevils to control the milfoil.

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### **FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC. POLICY STATEMENT: REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF THE EXOTIC WEED, EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL IN FOREST COUNTY**

The Forest County Association of Lakes, Inc. is very concerned about the discovery of the Exotic Weed, Eurasian Watermilfoil, in Lake Metonga. The area of Milfoil has exploded, doubling in size this summer. If not eradicated it will soon spread and be introduced in other Forest County Lakes and the damage to our lakes, value of property, tourism and fish population will be considerable. It crowds out native vegetation which our wildlife, fish and insects need to live.

Lake Metonga Association is actively working to eliminate the Milfoil and the Forest County Association of Lakes has donated \$100 of their limited funds to help offset the cost of eradication. The cost is \$500 to \$600 per eradication and must be repeated for the next several years. The Lake Metonga Association would welcome any donations to help defray this expense.

This is not a problem for Lake Metonga alone but is a problem for Forest County, the City of Crandon and the Town of Lincoln. The Forest County Association of Lakes, Inc. urges these groups to get involved financially to assist in this serious problem.

Eurasian Watermilfoil is already present in neighboring Counties including Vilas and Oneida and will probably spread to all counties with the state. It has been a serious problem in Minnesota. Minnesota now has a law that any boat or trailer being transported must be washed before moving. Boats and trailers can be stopped by the police and if vegetation is found the fine is \$200.00.

### EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL - WHAT IS IT?

Eurasian Watermilfoil was accidentally introduced into North America from Europe. It forms thick underwater stands of tangled stems and vast mats of vegetation which interferes with boating, fishing and swimming. It reproduces through stem fragments and underground runners. A single segment of stem and leaves can take root and form a new colony. Fragments clinging to boats, motors and other watercraft, including trailers, can spread it from one section of a lake to another or transport it to a different lake, if the boat, trailer or watercraft has not been cleaned before moving.

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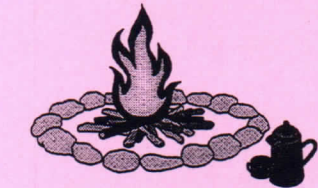
### BURNING PERMITS

*I DON'T NEED A "BURNING PERMIT". OH YES YOU DO!*

The DNR Forestry Program, under Chapter 26, Wisconsin Statutes and many local governments, require burning permits to prevent forest fires and protect life and property. This is a requirement that is independent of low, medium or high fire risk. Many local ordinances spell out the kinds of material that may be burned in the open and also which burning will or won't be allowed.

#### WHY IS OPEN BURNING REGULATED?

Regulation and enforcement can prevent the emission of harmful air pollutants when some kinds of materials are burned. The number one cause of forest fires in Wisconsin is by burning debris. This causes approximately 40% of forest fires each year and burning garbage causes about 40% of the debris fires that lead to forest fires. (*DNR statistics rev. June 1, 1998*) Issuing permits allows the DNR and local government to caution people about safe burning procedures. They can also curtail burning if the fire danger gets too high. You do not need a burning permit for camp fires, unless the DNR has issued an order imposing emergency burning restrictions or unless prohibited by local ordinance.



The recent fires in the Three Lakes area during the summer drought were examples of how quickly a fire can devour a forest. Those fires occurred in an open, unpopulated area. A forest fire in any of the developed areas around the lakes in the Northwoods could be catastrophic. Talk to your Fire Warden, Forest Ranger or other DNR designee before starting an outdoor fire. It may save your property, or of more importance, your life.

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### THE DOMESTICATION OF WISCONSIN'S SHORELANDS

*Recently an EPA funded study on the effectiveness of Wisconsin's Shoreland Zoning standards in meeting its statutory objectives was completed. This article (reprinted from the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership newsletter "Lake Tides") and reflect actions taken as a result of that study.*

#### WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE NR115

##### WHAT IS IT?

Wisconsin's Shoreline Management Program (NR115) is a partnership between state and local government. The Program requires development near navigable lakes and streams to meet statewide minimum standards. Shoreland zoning jurisdiction lies within 1,000 feet of the shore of lakes, ponds and flowages, within 300 feet of rivers and streams, and within floodplains. Counties must adopt ordinances which met or exceed the minimum state standards. The administrative rules which implement the state shoreland program were developed in the late 1960's. They are based on a combination of the best available scientific information, best professional judgment, and the feasibility of implementation at that time. The rules for lot width minimums, restrictions on vegetative cutting, and building setback distance create a buffer intended to minimize disturbances to water resources and preserve the natural beauty of our lakes, rivers, and streams. With the exception of the wetland protection provisions added in the early 1980's, the rules have essentially remained unchanged.



Current development trends pose major challenges to the shoreland management program. Waterfront development is booming in northern Wisconsin, with property values increasing up to 400% for some counties. In southeastern Wisconsin, most lakes larger than 10 acres have totally developed shorelines; much of the development took place before shoreland zoning rules went into effect. Homeowners and visitors seek out lakes and rivers as places to enjoy natural beauty in a quiet setting, yet the sheer number of users and owners can create conflicts and put pressure on limited resources. The scarcity of prime waterfront lands means that areas once passed over for residential development, because they were too steep, too wet, or too rocky, are now being developed.

### KEY STANDARDS

Four major aspects of the rules are designed to control density of development and create a protective buffer of vegetation along public waterways.



**Lot Size:** Sewered lots must have a minimum average width of 65 feet and a minimum area of 10,000 square feet. Lots not served by a public sanitary sewer must have a minimum average width of 100 feet and a minimum area of 20,000 square feet.

**Buffer Strip:** Clear-cutting of trees and shrubs is not allowed in the strip of land from the shore to a point 35 feet inland, except for a 30 foot wide path down to the water.

**Setbacks:** All buildings and structures, except piers, boat hoists, and boat houses must be set back 75 feet from the shore. When an existing pattern of setbacks exists, counties may allow new homes to build closer than 75 feet from shore.

**"Grandfathering"** homes allows the continued use of homes that were built before shoreland rules were enacted, even if it means they are too close to the water. The county may prohibit alteration, major repairs, or additions to "grandfathered" homes if the renovation costs exceed one-half the assessed value.

### ARE THE RULES WORKING?

Over the last three years biologists have spent more time studying the impacts of humans on waters and shorelands. This work and a review of the recent scientific literature (*Shoreland Management Program Assessment - 1997*) concludes that the present rules provide minimal protection of habitat and water quality.

### WHAT IS LOST?

**Water Quality:** Recent trends in shoreland development have had measurable impacts on water quality, particularly due to increased runoff and poor vegetation management practices. Phosphorus and sediment entering our lakes has greatly increased with recent suburban style developments occurring around lakes.

**Loss of Shoreland Vegetation:** Clearing trees and shrubs eliminates protective buffer strips along waterways. Studies show that understory trees and shrubs are reduced to very low levels along developed shorelines.

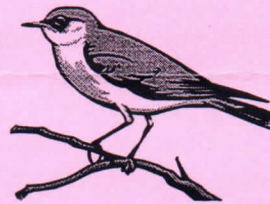
### Loss of Shallow Water Habitat:

Studies show that increased development can reduce critical shallow water habitat. For example, clearing live, dying, and dead shoreline trees and shrubs eliminates a source of habitat that would otherwise fall into the water. These "tree-falls" can provide habitat for many years to come.



**Loss of Aquatic Plants:** Removing plants eliminates valuable habitat for a whole host of critters like fish and frogs. Recent information shows that green frogs and their natural habitat would be essentially eliminated from lakes developed to their maximum under the current rule (52 homes/mile of shoreline).

**Loss of Songbirds:** Songbird surveys show that development has altered species composition of birds. The impact is greatest on the less common songbirds that



migrate to the tropics. Some of these neo-tropical migrants are of special concern due to their recent population declines. The common suburban-style birds like blue jays, crows, goldfinches, and grackles were more abundant on developed lakes. The current rule does permit habitat alteration and this affects birds. Large-scale

lakeshore habitat changes will place some of our less common songbirds at a greater risk.

### WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS WITH THE CURRENT RULES?

The greatest weaknesses identified in the rules are clauses that are difficult to interpret and enforce, forming loopholes that frustrate the intent of the law.

**Loopholes in the no clear-cut rule:** The intent was to create a 35 foot buffer around waters. However, if one tree is left standing and rest is lawn, the owner is in compliance with the letter of the law.

### Exemptions To The 75 Foot Setback:

**"Grandfathered" homes....**To be fair to folks who built homes before the rules went into effect, the rule "grandfathers" in existing structures that are too close to the shore. The rule sets restrictions on expanding them. Unfortunately, the rules for how much expansion is permitted are based on cumbersome formulas involving the assessed value of the structure, and process is poorly

enforced or when they are enforced, are extremely controversial.

**Setback Averaging.....**The rule allows for new homes to be built at the average "setback", when there is an existing "pattern of development". But the rule didn't anticipate lakes or rivers entirely surrounded by year-round homes. Setback averaging has a "leapfrog" effect, allowing construction of new homes to avoid the 75 foot setback rule.

**Boathouses.....**Boathouses are exempt from setback requirements. While this may have made sense in the days of heavy wooden boats, today's light weight aluminum and fiberglass craft can more easily be stored away from the shore during the off-season. Many boathouses are not used for storing boats, but have become a way of legally building a structure on the immediate shoreline.



**Small lots in sewerred subdivisions...**Many of the problems from development come from runoff, not sewage. Just the presence of buildings and pavement where there used to be trees, grasses and shrubs can have some drastic effects on the water. Smaller lot sizes and widths in sewerred subdivisions increase the overall loss of shoreland and near-shore habitat. With that in mind, trading sewers for more lakeshore homes is a poor deal for out waters. Over half the counties in the state already have larger lot sizes for sewerred sub-divisions.

So, that's the story on Shoreland Zoning. We have some decisions to make that need to balance the opportunities of today's society against the possibilities of tomorrow's.

We seem to be slowly but surely losing the very things that draw us to our lakes and rivers. Many folks concerned about the future of Wisconsin's waters believe there is a window of opportunity to revise the shoreland protections rules so our legacy of lakes and rivers may be carried on.

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### REMEMBER WHEN

#### THE COMPUTER AGE - AIN'T IT GRAND?

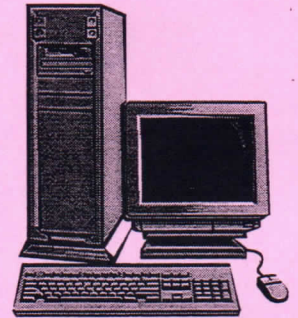
A **COMPUTER** was something on TV from a science fiction show of note, a **WINDOW** was something you hated to clean...and **RAM** was the cousin of a goat....**MEG**

was the name of your old girlfriend and **GIG** was a musician's job for the nights. Now they all mean different things and that really **MEGA BYTES**. An **APPLICATION** was for employment, a **PROGRAM** was a TV show, a **CURSOR** used profanity, and a **KEYBOARD** was a piano, **MEMORY** was something that you lost with age, a **CD** was a bank account, and if you had a **3 1/2" FLOPPY** you hoped nobody found out.

**COMPRESS** was something you did to the garbage, not something you did to a **FILE**, and if you **UNZIPPED** anything in public you'd be in jail for a while. **LOG ON** was adding wood to the fire, **HARD DRIVE** was a long trip on the road, a **MOUSE PAD** was where the mice lived and a **BACKUP** happened to your commode. **CUT** you did with a pocket knife, **PASTE** you did with glue, a **WEB** was a spider's home and a **VIRUS** was the flu.

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper and the memory in my head, I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash. But when it happens they wish they were dead.

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### VIDEO TAPE AVAILABLE

The Pine Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District has recently purchased the video entitled "Living Shore" from the Wisconsin Association of Lakes. The tape is available to all members of the Pine Lake District. The video explains what is good for the shoreline and how to improve the shoreline and water clarity. Any one interested in seeing the tape should contact

Pat Coraggio at 715-649-3335.





### FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES, INC

The purpose of the FCAL, Inc. is to facilitate education, research and sharing between organizations, individuals, governmental bodies and the general public of Forest County to protect Forest County inland water bodies, environs and watersheds for now and future generations, including, but not limited to: aesthetic beauty, water quality, wildlife habitat and fisheries.

A "Member of Friend" herein means an Organization, Individual, Family or Business who subscribes to the purposes of the Corporation, meets the applicable definition of Member of Friend, has joined Corporation and paid appropriate dues or fees.

**Members:** Members are governmental organizations, non-stock membership organizations, individuals, or families who subscribe to the purposes of the Corporation, meet the applicable definition of membership and pay their dues in effect for the applicable membership level.

- [a] **ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS:** Lake Districts, Lake Associations, Rivers, and other Inland Water Organizations having significant lake or inland water management, protection or improvement purposes in Forest County, shall be eligible to become members.
- [b] **INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY MEMBERS:** Individuals or families having significant interest in the protection and improvement of Forest County inland water bodies, environs and watersheds shall be eligible to become members. Persons who chose this category did not belong to any of the organizations listed in [a] above.
- [c] **FRIENDS:** For-profit businesses, other organizations, or individuals, not qualified for membership, who subscribe to the purposes of the Corporation may become a "friend" by the paying the appropriate fee.

### ANNUAL FEES AND DUES STATEMENT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake / River: \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Beginning Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Ending Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS (Check appropriate membership category)

\_\_\_ Lake / Waterway Organization (\$25.00 year)

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