

# PINE LAKE NEWS

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

### CHAIRMAN'S BABBLE

Wow, what a Winter! No ice til mid-late December. Gone in February. Ice-out in March. What's next? Here's hoping everyone had a safe and healthy winter season. As all of us start getting prepared for a busy summer, let's take some time to plan and reflect on what is happening on and around this body of water we affectionately call Pine Lake.

Skiing, fishing, swimming, slow boat excursions, picnics on a lazy afternoon.....everybody has some favorite way of spending summers on Pine Lake.

Weeds, yes, we're gonna have weeds this year. Larry and the crew will be out in full force this summer. Please, let us all be careful and safe around the harvesting equipment.

Our building project will hopefully be completed by fall. For those of you who have not heard yet, we are planning on erecting a 80'x50' shed to house the harvesting equipment. A Special meeting to award the bid will be Saturday May 27, 2000 at 9:00 am at the Hiles Town Hall

The District will be seeking a successor for the secretary's seat on the board. A position previously held by Charlie Struebing. We will be doing this at the annual meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Charlie for all his hard work and dedication to the Lake these past several years. Hopefully Charlie will be able to continue to help and offer assistance in the future. Thank you again, Charlie.

The board is working on ways to enhance the beauty and serenity of the shorelines and waterways of Pine Lake. We are trying to find a way and means to clean up Pine Creek. We need to remove debris from the creek in order to restore a more even water flow through the lake. We will be looking for volunteers for this project.

Also on our list of things to do will be to try to talk the Forest Service and DNR into improving the boat

launch situations around the lake. Possibly installing a pier to help launching and landing boats. Anyone with suggestions, please feel free to talk to one of the board members.

The District is looking for a used pontoon boat and motor to be used for installing and retrieving our rock buoys. We are also hoping to use this in our clean-up projects. So if anyone has a pontoon that they want to sell or donate to the Lake District we would appreciate hearing from you.

We are also making plans for a boat parade over the fourth of July (possible an evening parade).

Here's looking forward to another summer of fun and friends, loons and ducks, eagles and osprey, fishing and swimming. Everyone be safe and have fun. See you all at the annual meeting.



Thanks,  
Vic Burke

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### MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin January 15, 2000

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

Charlie read the minutes of the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1999 quarterly meeting. Terry Ganter and Gary Steede

questioned the wording of the minutes regarding the statement found in the Property Update section stating "The existing road changes were discussed with the owners of the land affected, and permission was granted." Mr. Ganter stated that these changes were not discussed with him! Charlie explained that the intention was the owner of the driveway from West Pine Lake Road thru the curve and the approval of Mr. Gantner on the moving of the evergreen trees. The minutes were amended as follows.:

The existing road changes were discussed with Jeff Freundorfer, the owner of the land, which the driveway from the road thru the curve is located, with Mr. Freundorfer agreeing to allow the District to make these changes. The district also promised to help maintain this part of the road due to the districts' truck usage. Terry Gantner also agreed to the relocating of the evergreen trees.

Pat motioned to accept these minutes with discussed changes. Karl seconded it, motioned passed.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Pat passed out the treasurer's report from Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 1999. Current balance is \$105.01. Pat reported to the board the expenditures, which led to this balance and reminded the board that the tax money collected will be arriving shortly. Pat also reported that the district received a letter from the IRS. They were penalizing the District \$114.47 for not paying the withholding taxes appropriately. In checking, Pat learned that when employee's wages exceed \$1000.00 per month, this withholding needs to be paid monthly versus quarterly. After the phone conversation with the IRS, the district was forgiven this penalty, since the error was made without knowledge of the rules. Charlie motioned to accept this report, Karl seconded and the treasurer's report was accepted.



Pat also informed the board that the district received a bill from Flannery Construction for \$5899.88. Mr. Flannery explained that the difference of this amount from the \$4446.00 that was bid, was due to the changes made by the district. Vic suggested we take this up in new business.

#### **FCAL REPORT**

Vic reported that Dennis Carter is the Districts new representative, replacing Pat Coraggio on the FCAL board. Unfortunately Dennis could not attend this meeting.

#### **PROPERTY UPDATE**

First item is the Flannery Trucking billing issue. Vic felt that the district is not bound to pay the difference from what was bid on the project since Mr. Flannery was contacted prior to the work and informed of the changes. Their quote states all Bulldozing required! Karl stated that the reason the District was not required to re-bid the project is that the contractor agreed to the job with the revisions. Vic motioned that the board holds Flannery to the original bid amount. Pat suggested we instead draft a letter of the board's intention. Vic withdrew his motion in favor of drafting this letter. Pat motioned to draft letter of intent, Charlie seconded, motioned passed unanimously. Pat suggested the board rebid the cost of the 4" gravel and grading at the building site. Charlie added that this gravel should be in place as soon as possible, calculate what is required and release bids for our April meeting. Larry Handeland offered to measure and supply the Board with necessary dimensions for the bid request. Charlie motioned that the board release bids to be opened at an April Special Meeting, prior to the Quarterly meeting. Pat seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Next the discussion changed to the size of the building required for the Weedcutting Equipment. Karl offered to look into the size and local zoning requirements. Pat offered to check with the bank on financing. Larry Handeland offered to help Karl on the checking on zoning requirements and along with Tom Wirth will work land placement and dimensions. Charlie suggested that we have building sales representatives present their ideas at the April Meeting, to help in writing of the bids. Vic questioned if the survey markers were corrected at the property? Larry Handeland offered to look into Vic's concerns.

#### **ANY OTHER MATTERS.**

Pat reported that he received a letter from Jim Burgess, President of WAL, reporting that the Dock-ominiums case was won in Walworth County Circuit Court. Jim added that it will probably be appealed and WAL was asking for additional donations to be used for this legal defense. Charlie motioned for the board to send \$100.00. Pat seconded, motioned passed with a vote of 3 in favor, Vic voting against.

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Vic, Pat, Charlie and their spouses will attend this year's WAL convention. The convention is March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Vic informed the Board that he had received a map from the DNR of the boundaries of the Lake District. Vic added that these boundaries remained unchanged.

Next meeting will be the special meeting for the opening of bids on April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am, at the Town Hall, with the regular meeting following shortly there after.

Pat motioned to adjourn, Karl seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully,  
Charles Struebing*

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### A FRESH LOOK AT SHORELAND RESTORATION

Shoreland landscaping, as its name implies, is the practice of restoring the healthy transition between land and water. Typically, a plan will include a shoreland buffer zone- a native area a vegetation along the waters edge. It can extend both onto the land and into the water. The goal of creating or restoring native vegetation in a buffer zone is to bring back the ecological habitats that are reduced or lost by traditional lawns.

Shoreland restoration differs somewhat from the traditional gardening approach. Rather than modifying the site with fertilizers and continuous, long-term cultivation, as often necessary when you plant a garden, this approach attempts to re-establish native vegetation that once grew with existing soil, moisture and sunlight conditions. Once established, native plants are superior to non-native plants for the specific site conditions found along your shoreline.

Vegetative buffers can return or maintain many desirable features to your shoreline. At a minimum, shoreland buffers will present you with a seasonal array of colors, textures, aromas, and continual wildlife activity. They can maintain or restore the natural qualities that keep us so strongly attracted to living shores.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

Pine Lake P&R District is looking for a used pontoon boat to be used for water testing, putting in and taking out marker buoys, removing debris, etc...Anyone who would like to sell or donate a pontoon boat to the lake district, please contact Pat Coraggio at 715-649-3335 or Vic Burkey at 715-649-3320.

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Pine Lake P&R District is looking for any property owners who would be willing to let the district use part of their shoreline for an alternative drop off site for weeds. Currently, when the weeds are removed from the lake they are taken back to the north shore and trucked to a dumping site.

It would be easier if we had a site on the southeast or west part of the shore to be used as an alternative site to reduce transportation time. Any landowner who is interested in working with

the Lake District on this, please contact Vic Burkey at 715-649-3320 or Charlie Struebing 414-835-2845.



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### MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin April 8th, 2000

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 began the meeting by reading the agenda.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Charlie distributed the minutes of the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2000 quarterly meeting. Karl motioned to accept these minutes with the discussed changes. Pat seconded it, motioned passed.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Pat passed out the treasurer's report from January 1<sup>st</sup>, thru March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2000. Current balance is \$19,213.55. Karl motioned to accept this report, Charlie seconded and treasurer's report was accepted.

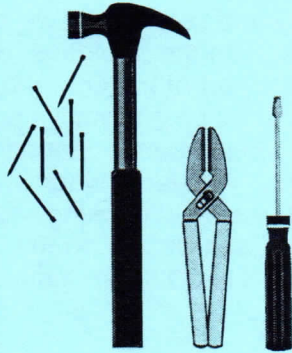
#### GRAVEL FOR BUILDING SITE

Vic informed the attendees that Karl had calculated the amount of gravel for the building site at 345 yards. Vic added, that since the cost will be under \$10,000.00, the board will not have to advertise for bids. Vic suggested that the board could save time by contacting the original bidders on the road and site preparation and award the contract to the lowest bidder. Ideally this gravel should be in place by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. Charlie made a motion that Vic contact the original bidders on the site preparation, requesting bids for 345 yards of gravel, delivered and graded by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Vic has the boards' approval to award the contract to the lowest bidder, if at least 2 bids have been received.

Karl seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

### **BUILDING SPECIFICATIONS AND BID PROPOSAL**

Karl explained to the members present, the proposed buildings size, makeup, and site location. It was decided by the board to require the lakeside service door to be 48" wide door and that the walls of the corner shop office and tool storage will be left out of the bid. Karl will check into local electrical code. Also, the building's roof must comply with "North Zone Snow Loads". Karl will write the buildings request for bid and Charlie will submit it to the Forest Republican. The bid request will list Vic's address and phone number and will direct all questions to him. Vic will also apply for the building permit.



### **FCAL REPORT**

Dennis Carter is the District's new FCAL representative, but was not in attendance to give the FCAL report. Charlie questioned if he was made aware of the meeting? Vic offered to inform him of the date of the next meeting. Pat Coraggio reported, in his absence, that FCAL is looking for people to sign up as members and currently is soliciting articles for their paper.

### **WEED HARVESTING REPORT**

Larry Handeland reported the weed harvester and transport was ready for harvesting. He added that he would like to paint the weed conveyor if the board approved of the purchase of the paint. The board gave approval for the purchase and the required labor hours. Charlie suggested that the board look for alternate sites on the lake to lessen the time the weed equipment is operating from the lake property. Pat reminded Charlie that this was done two years ago, but Charlie decided that he would re-survey the lake for possible alternate sites.

Vic reported to the district that we received a letter from the DNR stating that they received a complaint that the weed harvesting conveyor does not have permit, and since it will be in the water, one will be required at a one time cost of \$300.00! (Likewise, shore stations and rafts fall into the same category as the weed conveyor) The DNR informed Vic that

they will forgive the fee, since the district's harvesting equipment was paid in part by state money. The board will complete the necessary permit paperwork after the meeting and Pat will send it to the DNR. Vic added that the Lake District was not aware of the permit requirement until the DNR received the complaint.

Larry Handeland requested that the board allow him to purchase two pieces of aluminum channel to act as ramps for the conveyor tires. Vic suggested fiberglass "ramps" that are used in mobile home placement. Vic offered to see what they will cost the district and will report to Larry.

### **EMPLOYEE WAGES**

Pat requested of Larry Handeland, the names of the current weed-harvesting employees for tax purposes. Vic questioned if additional members will be required, with Larry answering that currently all members will be returning, and we will not need any additional employees at this time. After discussion the board decided on the following wages for harvesting crew:

- \$8.00/hr. Starting wage, first 40 hours of work
- \$8.50/hr. After 40 hours of work.
- \$9.50/hr. Second year of employment.
- \$11.50/hr. Supervision.

### **PROPERTY UPDATE**

Pat reported that the Lake property assessed tax value increased from \$35,700.00 in 1998, to \$63,200.00 in 1999. Charlie questioned is the District required to pay property taxes since we are a non-profit organization? Vic will research this matter. Pat informed the board that he discussed with the bank the cost of the loan for the building.

Currently the District is paying \$10,000.00 per year on the Lake property loan. Combining the balance of this loan with the building cost, we are looking at approximately \$1,165.00 per month payments on a 15-year loan. Pat will research this further after the building costs are finalized.

### **ANY OTHER MATTERS...**

Pat informed the board that we received this years liability insurance bill from EMC Insurance and the increase was only \$7.00 over last year's cost. Vic motioned to again insure with EMC, Charlie seconded, motion unanimously passed. Pat also informed the board, that our CD would again be due in May. Pat suggest that we renew this time for 9 months, to coincide with collection of tax monies and the coming year's investment. The board agreed.

Karl informed the board that the Forest Service, out of Eagle River, is allowing a courtesy dock on Butternut Lake. Karl checked if the same would be allowed at Pine lake's boat landing, but was informed by our Forest Service out of Laona, that there were no funds available. Karl felt we should re-approach, with Pat suggesting we could get Butternut's dock specifications to improve our chances. Karl agreed.

The next meeting will be a special meeting for the opening of the building bids on May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am, at the Hiles Town Hall. The annual meeting is set for July 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00am, at the Hiles Town Hall.

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

*Respectfully,  
Charles Struebing*

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## ***MEETING NOTICE***

The next meeting of the Pine Lake Recreation & Rehabilitation District will be on:

**SATURDAY MAY 27, 2000**

**AT 9:00AM**

**AT THE**

**HILES TOWN HALL**

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The Annual meeting of the Pine Lake Recreation & Rehabilitation District will be on:

**Saturday July 8, 2000**

**At 9:00AM**

**At the**

**Hiles Town Hall**