

Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association

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Hardwood Lake Association Vice President, Clay Dees makes adjustments to a sign the association installed on Gillings Road. It is slightly smaller than the one installed several years ago on Henderson Lake Road.

The newsletter is in **color** on the web site.

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Lake news

The annual lake association meeting was held July 7 after two public hearings at the Logan Township Hall.

The first hearing was to determine if the weed control project should continue. The second was to establish the tax district and assessments.



Paul Hausler, above, of Progressive Engineering, made a presentation to the Lake Board and about 20 members of the public. The Lake Board was established in 1994. He discussed nuisance weeds, such as Eurasian milfoil and curly leaf pond weed.

In the past, Hardwood Lake was treated every four years for milfoil. Since none has been found the past three years and only a

limited amount this year, the entire lake treatment of Flouridone has been postponed. Tentative plans are for treatment in 2014 but will depend on weed growth in 2013 and what is found in the spring of 2014.

2012 has been one of the most successful years in the weed control program. Just under 3 acres of milfoil was spot-treated in May and an acre treated in June. Also treated this year was 7.5 acres of curly-leaf pondweed and .5 acres of wild celery.

There was little algae in the lake this summer requiring only two treatments. The first was before Memorial Day and the second before July 4th.

In late August, 24 lily pad locations were spot treated.



Maps of treatment areas and updates are on the website. To see them, click on the "Late Breaking News" icon.

There were complaints regarding the Canada goose population. The lake association will be looking into this. See **Goose control on page 4.**

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Road millage fails

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The proposal failed **NO 122 - YES 77**

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The lake board approved to continue the weed control project for another four years (2113-2016)

The second hearing covered the special assessment roll and hearing objections. The assessment will collect about \$18,100 per year for weed control. The bottom line - special assessment for property owners will remain about the same as in the past.

The Lake Association meeting was then called to order.

President Dave Sommers reported a new Hardwood Lake sign erected on Gillings Road. Bob and Glenda McGregor agreed to put it on their property. The sign was paid for with association funds. Dave and Clay Dees installed it.

Long time secretary/treasurer Judy Sheehan announced her intention to step down last fall. Judy served over 25 years and now lives in Bay City. Margo Dees volunteered to accept the position and was appointed interim secretary/treasurer at the May Board meeting. She was elected to the position at the July meeting.

Clay Dees was re-elected vice president.

The vice-president and secretary/treasurer are elected in even numbered years while the president and trustees are elected in odd numbered years.

Along with the free association membership, McGregor's country store donated gift certificates for the drawing.

The winners were:

Dees- free membership

Youngs - 16" pizza

Kramer - 2 lunch specials

Sommers - 12 piece bucket of chicken

The next association meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2013 and the picnic is July 27, 2013

Phragmites, a troublesome weed, was discovered by a DNR official along Henderson Lake Road this summer, south of the drain tubes. We were unable to obtain the necessary permits to treat this very aggressive plant this year. It is in the plans to conduct a treatment in 2013.



Phragmites seed heads in the Fall, above, and plants along Henderson Lake Road, south of the drain tubes, right.



Goose control

There have been numerous complaints about the growing Canada Goose population on Hardwood Lake. While they are pretty to watch and the goslings are cute, there are nuisance issues. The geese find the manicured lawns tasty but while munching on the grass they leave droppings, making some yards almost unusable. Goose feces in the lake can cause “swimmers itch”. There have been reports from residents who have contacted it.

There are a couple options. Commercial goose control companies come in and round up the geese for relocation. In our area they are usually taken to the Crow Island State Game Refuge near the Zilwaukee Bridge. In some cases, the geese will be destroyed (killed) with the birds taken to a processor and donated to a charitable organization. Another method of control is nest destruction. Trained residents destroy nests in the spring, preventing hatchings.

Permits are required which is complicated, needing approval from the Federal and State government. The association has already secured permission. Also, the local units of government, Richland and Logan Townships,



must pass a resolution to conduct goose control. Both townships have approved the resolution.

Next spring, the first phase of the goose control program will begin. The type of program, nest destruction or roundup, has yet to be determined.

The Lake Association will cover the cost of the program for the first year.





Kevin and Debbie Ohlogge graciously hosted the 2012 Lake Association picnic Saturday, July 28.

Debbie tends to the grill, left, with hamburgers, hot dogs and bratwurst. The food was spectacular.

About ten families attended the picnic and watched a lovely sunset from the East side of the lake. Later, a warm day turned chilly and a campfire was built.

2012 Lake association picnic



Lake Association dues

Annual dues are just \$15.
If you forgot to pay them
for 2012
they may be sent to
Treasurer
Margo Dees
7174 Glenburnie Ln.
Clarkston, MI 48346

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up-to-the-minute activities.

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