



# School Section Lake POA Crier

Spring 2020 Issue

## From Our President...

by Dan Karcher

Spring is normally the time of year where everyone looks forward to opening their cottages, working in the yard, and getting reacquainted with friends and family at the lake. This spring is a bit different however because of the COVID19 pandemic. We can only hope and pray this situation improves quickly so we can get back to our normal summer schedules.

We do not plan to cancel scheduled events at this time but will email cancellation notices if plans change.

Mecosta County Parks is planning to put a millage proposal on the August ballot this year. They are asking area residents to approve a 0.5 millage (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value of your property). If passed, the proposal will be for 5 years, 2020 through 2024 inclusive. This is similar to the proposal voted down a couple years ago. I encourage you to visit their website at [www.mecostacountyparks.com](http://www.mecostacountyparks.com) to read about what the Parks intends to do with the money, if passed. Part of their long term plan will affect our lake.

I hope to see you on the lake soon.

Let's just have more fun!

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome all our new neighbors! Please let us know if we have missed anyone.

Gregory Bailey, 9625 Oak Ridge Pkwy

Leon and Helen Dubridge, 9237 W SSL Dr

Emily King, 9525 W SSL Dr

Adam Ott, 9217 W SSL Dr

Kathleen Stevenson, 9417 W SSL Dr

**We need YOU to attend!**

**SSLPOA ANNUAL MEETING**

**Election of Area Representatives**

**Saturday, June 13 at 9:00 AM**

**Morton Township Hall, Mecosta**

**Date dependent upon COVID-19**

**Changes will be sent by email.**

**Coffee & Donuts will be served!!!**

## Meet Your Neighbor

by Laurie Kanauss

The picnic will be held on August 8th this year. Hot dogs, brats and the fixings will be provided but please plan to bring a dish to share. This is a great way to spend some time with your neighbors and to welcome our new neighbors. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to help with this event. Mark your calendar as we would love to see you and your family join us.

## In Memoriam

We will miss our dear friends who have passed away.

Jean May December 11, 2019

Dorothy Markle December 27, 2019

If you know of anyone we have missed, please contact Dorothy Metcalf or Maxine Murdoch.

## Board, Committee Members

Please refer to your Fall 2019 Newsletter or the SSL website for contact information for the Board of Directors and Committee Members.

Due to the social distancing restrictions, this issue of the newsletter is just three pages. Please watch for emails and also check the website for updates.

## Boat Launch Gate

by Don Swanson

The new 2020 Ramp Gate Combination will be as soon as Don can change it. Until that time, last year's code should be used. A phone number is posted at the launch if you need assistance. Please thank Lakeside Motor Sports for maintaining the ramp dock.

## Water Quality

by Chad Kanouse

Our last Water Quality Analysis showed the lake to be in extremely good shape. Please use phosphorous free fertilizer on your lawns to preserve the lake quality. Valuable information of the lake quality is posted on the website.

## Social Distancing, Stay safe



**Please respect the No Wake hours**  
**7:30 PM to 11:00 AM.**

**Always Go Counterclockwise**  
**around the lake.**

## Weed Control Committee

by Jerry Ambrose and Jerry King

You will be notified a day ahead of time by signage on your front lawns. If we have enough advance notice Marlene will send out an email to everyone.

Scheduling depends on the weather and will avoid the weekend to minimize disruption to weekend fun. If you have questions feel free to call me any time.

## Fish Management Committee

by Jerry King

2020 will be our 13th year of planting Walleye. Just to verify we are still on the right track with our protocol, I recently spoke with Mark Tonello, Fisheries Management Biologist, in the Cadillac DNR office. He confirmed continued support for Walleye stocking as the best way to control stunted Bluegill and other panfish and to create a viable fishery.

To support his conclusions, he cited a study written by Rich O'Neal of Michigan DNR Fisheries Division. For anyone wanting to read this report we will post it on our SSL website. Thanks for all your support and donations and good fishing!! Any questions give me a call.

# 2020 SSLPOA MEMBERSHIP DUES and FISH PLANTING FUND

by Jerry Ambrose, Treasurer

*“Through education and commitment we, SSLPOA, dedicate ourselves to maintain, protect and preserve our beautiful lake for future generations.”*

## **Please support your School Section Lake Property Owners Association with your 2020 dues and donations!**

For many years the SSLPOA has been actively involved in efforts to assure that our lake remains clean and vibrant and that property owners have a voice in matters affecting life on and along the lake. In the long term this will enhance our enjoyment and the values of our lake properties.

Your SSLPOA buys insurance coverage for volunteers and oversees weed control activities, tests water quality, monitors the lake's water level and the boat launch. We work to assure that the lake remains a premier fishing area by monitoring the amount and quality of the fish in the lake and by annually planting fish. SSLPOA also promotes community with events such as the Meet Your Neighbor Picnic, the Lighted Boat Parade and Poker Run.

Membership is open to all property owners whose special assessment finances the weed control activities overseen by the SSLPOA. As the use of the special assessment funds is limited strictly to actual weed control activities, other financial support is necessary for the other activities of the SSLPOA.

**The 2020 dues for SSLPOA, as it has been for the past many years, is \$20. Donations are also sought for fish planting activities.** More information on SSLPOA activities and financing can be found on the SSLPOA website ([schoolsection.com](http://schoolsection.com)).

Please support your SSLPOA by sending your \$20 dues payment and your donations to the Fish Planting Fund to SSLPOA, PO Box 115, Mecosta MI 49332. Any questions, please email [schoolsectionlake@gmail.com](mailto:schoolsectionlake@gmail.com) or contact any Board member of the SSLPOA.

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### **2020 SSLPOA Dues and Donations**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) of Lake properties: \_\_\_\_\_

Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address if different from Lake address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email and/or phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount: Dues: \$20 Fish Planting donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to SSLPOA**

**Mail to: SSLPOA, PO Box 115 Mecosta Mi 49332**

# 2020 Spring Newsletter

**Annual Meeting: Saturday, June 13, 9:00 AM, Twp. Hall**

**Boat Parade: TBD**

**Poker Run: Saturday, July 25, 12:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Meet Your Neighbor: Saturday, August 8, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Recycle: each Saturday of the month 9 AM to noon  
Located in the Morton Township Business Park on 9 Mile Rd.**

**Postage: donated by Lakeside Motor Sports**

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