



THREE MILE LAKE news

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269-657-4409

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term expires 2010
269-657-5096

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term expires 2008
708-610-2065

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term expires 2009
269-657-3312

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term expires 2010

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Director
term expires 2009

Joe Posada
Director
term expires 2008

Marilyn S. Peterson
Director
term expires 2009

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Director
term expires 2010

Brent McNitt
Web Site
Administrator

Spring Membership Meeting...

The meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the Paw Paw Township Hall, located at 114 N. Gremps Street. At that time a vote will be taken to approve the changes that have been made to the Three Mile Lake Corporation Bylaws. The changes were read at the fall meeting and a copy may be obtained by contacting Jim Chlada (jim.chlada@3milelake.com). Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting but only members of the corporation can vote on this issue.

Paw Paw Township makes a decision...

"The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has, as requested by resolution of the Township of Paw Paw, investigated the need to rescind special local watercraft controls R281.780.1 and R281.789.2" on Three Mile Lake and Little Three Mile Lake. "Careful review of the testimony was conducted, along with an investigation and observation of Three Mile Lake and Little Three Mile Lake. Interviews with persons using the access site, as well as local and state law enforcement officers were also conducted. Rescinding the current local watercraft controls on Little Three Mile Lake and a portion of Three Mile Lake would create a marine navigational hazard to boaters, people canoeing and kayaking, and swimmers that recreate on the narrow water surface. Due to the limited width of the narrow southern portion of the restricted area (less than 200 navigable feet) a marine safety issue would exist if the watercraft control rule was rescinded to allow high-speed boating. In addition, those utilizing the state public access site, which is located within that narrow portion, would encounter extreme difficulties in launching and/or trailering their boats. The congestion high-speed boating would cause and the wake created by such activity, would further exacerbate the safety for boaters launching boats, as well as for canoes, kayaks, and swimmers."

"Based on the investigation and public hearing, the DNR, Law Enforcement Division, recommends not to rescind the existing local water craft controls."

(from the letter presented to the Paw Paw Township Clerk, Norman Rushing, from Lt. Jane Gordon, Law Enforcement Division, dated November 28, 2007)

The DNR recommendation was presented to the Paw P aw Township Board and the Board voted to accept their decision.

The water craft controls for Three Mile Lake and Little Three Mile Lake have not changed and can be found on line at www.michigan.gov, obtained from the DNR or contact Joyce Beedie for a copy. The controls are also posted at the public landing.

Lake management...

Professional Lake Management will be taking water samples soon after "first ice out", and as the lake water begins to warm up they will be monitoring the weed growth in the lake and will treat the Eurasian Milfoil, as needed, to keep it controlled. All required notification pertaining to chemical treatment will be supplied to the residents in compliance with DEQ regulations.

2008 Meeting
Schedule

Spring board meeting held 1st Sat. of May (May 3rd, 10:00 a.m. at Joyce Beedie's house)
Spring membership meeting held 3rd Sat. of May (May 17th, 10:00 a.m. at the Paw Paw Township Hall)
Annual membership meeting held last Sat. of June (June 28th, time and place to be announced)
Fall board meeting held 1st Sat. of Aug. (Aug. 2nd, 10:00 a.m., place to be announced)
Fall membership meeting held Sat. of Labor Day Weekend (Aug. 30th, 10:00 a.m., place to be announced)

Phosphorous in fertilizer...

Some counties in Michigan (not Van Buren) have been discussing a ban on the use of phosphorous lawn fertilizers. The reason for this ban is that phosphorous flows into the lakes and streams and stimulates weed growth. Research has found that homeowners add a "great deal" of damaging phosphorous because, unlike farmers, homeowners often use more phosphorous than needed. Knowing about the adverse effects of phosphorous on our lake and making better choices of a fertilizer treatment could help us control the growth of our lake weeds.

Nominations will start for June elections...

The terms of office will expire this year for Jim Chlada, Joe Posada and Joyce Beedie. They have served as board members for three years and the membership will be voting for directors to fill those positions at the annual meeting. A nominating committee will be chosen to help with the selection, but if anyone would like to be placed on the ballot or knows of someone that would be able to serve on the board please contact Shary Belfy.

Picnic in June...

A June picnic is being planned to enhance our annual meeting that will be held on Saturday, June 28th. The final plans have not been completed and more information will be forthcoming.

Membership for 2008...

It is time to renew your membership, or join the Three Mile Lake Corporation for the first time. Attached is the membership form to fill out and return.

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2008 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Member Name(s): _____

Three Mile Lake address: _____ Paw Paw, MI 49079

Lake Home Phone Number: _____

Home (Mailing) Address(if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone (optional): (____) _____

Email Address(optional): _____

Membership dues are \$20 per family
Make check or money order payable to: Three Mile Lake Corporation
Mail check to: Three Mile Lake Corporation
PO Box 482
Paw Paw, MI 49079

Please use the back of this form for comments about issues you would like the association to address, and if you have decided not to join the association, please let us know why.



