

# Phantom Lakes Management District Newsletter

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## 2020 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 @ 7:00PM

VERNON TOWN HALL (W249S8910 CENTER DR, VERNON, WI)

1. Call to Order
2. Open Meeting Notice
3. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2019 Annual Meeting
4. 2019 Lake Safety Report
  - Lake Patrol
  - Ice Patrol
5. Update on 2019 Motion for Modification of Slow, No-Wake Hours
6. Update on 2018 Motion for Parking on Andrews Street
7. Fisheries Management/Stocking
8. Harvesting Report
9. Harvester Exploration
10. Lake Drawdown Exploration
11. PLMD Boundaries
12. PLMD Sponsored Fireworks
13. Items from the Floor
14. Approval of 2019 Audit Report
15. Adoption of 2021 Proposed Budget
16. Approval of Resolution 2020-01: Levy for 2021
17. Election of Commissioners for 2020-2023 & 2020-2021 Terms
18. Set 2021 Annual Meeting Date
19. Adjournment

## 2020 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

TIME: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ANNUAL MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Board of Commissioners Roll Call
3. Election of Officers
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Adjournment

## ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS

An election for commissioners will be held at the annual meeting to fill

- two (2) expiring 3-year terms
- one (1) vacant 1-year term

Contact Melissa Winter at 262-378-1267 or email at [gonefishing@phantomlakes.us](mailto:gonefishing@phantomlakes.us) to be listed on the ballot. Nominations also will be taken from the floor.

## PLMD PHONE NUMBERS

### COMMISSIONERS

Mark Carlson ..... 262-565-8000  
(chairman)

Steve Verduyn ..... 262-378-4115  
(treasurer)

Joe Kirchner ..... 414-852-0730  
(secretary)

Kathryn Verduyn ..... 262-378-4115

Jake Jagmin ..... 414 350 7670

David Dubey ..... 414-588-2004  
(town representative)

Darlene Johnson ..... 414-916-3876  
(village representative)

### HARVESTING MANAGER

Dawn Couillard ..... 262-414-1475

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# PHANTOM LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

1	GENERAL OPERATING FUND - GOF	Actual 2019	Budget 2020	Actual 2020	Estimated 2020	Budget 2021
2	<b>GOF Beginning Balance</b>	<b>31,083</b>	<b>27,850</b>	<b>27,850</b>	<b>27,850</b>	<b>37,307</b>
3	<b>REVENUES:</b>					
4	<b>Interest</b>	51	50	22	50	50
5	<b>Storage</b>	0	0	0	0	0
6	<b>Grants:</b>					
7	Clean Boats Clean Waters 2018	1,234	0	0	0	0
8	Lake Surface Water Grant	0	0	0	3,065	0
9	Harvester Grant	0	0	2,850	2,850	0
10	<b>Donations:</b>					
11	Fish Stocking	570	0	500	0	0
12	Town Mukwonago	0	3,000	3,000	6,000	3,000
13	Village Mukwonago	2,100	2,100	0	2,100	2,100
14	State of W9i..Comp Aid	0	0	0	0	0
15	<b>Levy</b>	<b>68,671</b>	<b>100,500</b>	<b>88,768</b>	<b>100,500</b>	<b>107,875</b>
16	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>72,626</b>	<b>105,650</b>	<b>95,141</b>	<b>114,566</b>	<b>113,025</b>
17	<b>Transfer in from Equipment Reserve Fund:</b>					
18	New/Refurbished Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
19	<b>Transfer in from Lake Protection Fund:</b>					
20	Well Study (2014 Offset for 2013 Expenditure)	0	0	0	0	0
21	Lake Study	0	0	0	0	0
22	<b>Total Revenues + Fund Transfers In</b>	<b>72,626</b>	<b>105,650</b>	<b>95,141</b>	<b>114,566</b>	<b>113,025</b>
23	<b>Total Revenues + Transfers In + Beginning Balance</b>	<b>103,708</b>	<b>133,500</b>	<b>122,991</b>	<b>142,415</b>	<b>150,332</b>
24	<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
25	<b>Operating Costs:</b>					
26	<b>Administrative:</b>					
27	Accounting Expense	298	400	135	400	400
28	Conventions	0	0	0	0	0
29	Financial Clerk	7,784	8,000	3,224	8,000	8,000
30	Harvesting Manager	0	1,600	0	2,000	2,000
31	Miscellaneous	106	500	156	500	500
32	Newsletters/Notices & Web Site	848	1,000	0	1,000	1,250
33	Office Expense	436	500	0	500	500
34	Publications Legal	0	0	0	0	0
35	All other Account Expenses					
36	<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>9,472</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>3,515</b>	<b>12,400</b>	<b>12,650</b>
37	<b>Other:</b>					
38	Commissioner Pay	3,100	3,200	0	3,200	3,200
39	Contingency Fund	440	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
40	Clean Boat Clean Water Program	379	0	0	0	0
41	Fish Stocking	5,103	5,510	0	6,000	5,100
42	Insurance	4,962	5,100	5,605	5,605	5,600
43	Lake Safety	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	1,000
44	Lake Surface Water Grant - LSWG	0	0	12,261	12,261	0
45	Legal Fees/Consultant/Well Study	0	1	0	1	1
46	Water Monitoring and Lab	0	640	0	640	640
47	Fireworks					5,000
48	<b>Total Other</b>	<b>15,984</b>	<b>17,451</b>	<b>17,866</b>	<b>30,707</b>	<b>21,541</b>

49	<b>GENERAL OPERATING FUND - GOF</b>	<b>Actual 2019</b>	<b>Budget 2020</b>	<b>Actual 2020</b>	<b>Estimated 2020</b>	<b>Budget 2021</b>
50	<b>Harvesting:</b>					
51	Fuel and Oil	3,976	4,000	1,595	3,500	4,000
52	Harvesting Permit	300	0	0	0	0
53	Labor	25,899	50,000	20,988	35,000	50,000
54	Remove/Put in Harvesters	1,312	1,500	555	1,500	1,500
55	Repairs and Maintenance	7,116	22,000	14,509	22,000	20,000
56	Other Harvesting/Land Rental	1	1	0	1	1
57	<b>Total Harvesting</b>	<b>38,604</b>	<b>77,501</b>	<b>37,647</b>	<b>62,001</b>	<b>75,501</b>
58	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>64,059</b>	<b>106,952</b>	<b>59,028</b>	<b>105,108</b>	<b>109,692</b>
59	<b>GOF Fund Transfers to:</b>					
60	Equipment Reserve Fund (savings)	11,800	0	0	0	12,000
61	Lake Protection Fund (savings)	0	0	0	0	0
62	<b>Total Fund Transfers Out</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,000</b>
63	<b>Total Operating Costs (including fund transfers out)</b>	<b>75,859</b>	<b>106,952</b>	<b>59,028</b>	<b>105,108</b>	<b>121,692</b>
64	<i>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i>	8,567	-1,302	36,112	9,458	3,333
65	<b>GOF Ending Balance</b>	<b>27,850</b>	<b>26,548</b>	<b>63,962</b>	<b>37,307</b>	<b>28,640</b>
66	<b>EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND (savings)</b>	<b>Actual 2019</b>	<b>Budget 2020</b>	<b>Actual 2020</b>	<b>Estimated 2020</b>	<b>Budget 2021</b>
67	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>71,258</b>	<b>83,349</b>	<b>83,349</b>	<b>83,349</b>	<b>83,424</b>
68	<b>REVENUES:</b>					
69	Transfer from GOF	11,800	0	0	0	12,000
70	Interest	291	75	100	75	75
71	<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
72	Transfer to GOF -New/Refurbished Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
73	Transfer to GOF -Repair & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
74	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>83,349</b>	<b>83,424</b>	<b>83,450</b>	<b>83,424</b>	<b>95,499</b>
75	<b>LAKE PROTECTION FUND (savings)</b>	<b>Actual 2019</b>	<b>Budget 2020</b>	<b>Actual 2020</b>	<b>Estimated 2020</b>	<b>Budget 2021</b>
76	<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>4,240</b>	<b>4,240</b>	<b>4,240</b>	<b>4,252</b>
77	<b>REVENUES:</b>					
78	Transfer from GOF	0	0	0	0	0
79	Interest	18	12	9	12	12
80	<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
81	Transfer to GOF	0	0	0	0	0
82	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>4,240</b>	<b>4,252</b>	<b>4,249</b>	<b>4,252</b>	<b>4,264</b>

# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

## ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

### 1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Mark Carlson.

### 2. Open Meeting Notice:

The meeting was posted and noticed according to law.

Board Members Present: Steve Verduyn, Kathy Verduyn, Joe Kirchner, Dave Dubey, Mark Carlson, Greg Blohm and Darlene Johnson.

Others present: 37 district residents in attendance, along with Harvesting Manager Gary Nance, Aquarius representative Chad Lese; PLMD Assistant Melissa Winter.

### 3. Approval of Minutes of the September 26, 2018 Annual Meeting:

**Motion by Greg Blohm to approve the Annual Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2018. Seconded by Darlene Johnson. Motion carried on unanimous vote.**

### 4. Lake Safety Report:

No update available at the meeting but report will be posted on PLMD website once it is available.

### 5. Update on 2018 Motion for Modification of Slow, No-Wake Hours:

Update from Dave Dubey on motion for slow, no-wake ordinance modification of wake hours on weekends until 5:00pm. 2018 PLMD Annual Meeting Motion was reviewed by the Mukwonago Town Board. The town board voted to NOT change current ordinance.

Discussion on opinions in favor and opposed to extending wake hours.

**Motion made by Michael Wittier to resubmit motion from 2018 annual meeting to**

**change wake hours to Monday through Friday 10:00am to 7:00pm; Saturday and Sunday 10:00am to 5:00pm. Seconded by Jake Jagmin. Vote 21 yes, 16 no. Motion passes.**

### 6. Update on 2018 Motion for Parking Regulations on Andrews Street:

Update provide by Steve Verduyn. Photos were sent to the Village of Mukwonago Police Department showing parking in effect on both sides of Andrews Street. PLMD board has not received a response from the village regarding parking regulations.

### 7. Update on 2018 Motion to add Andrews Street Pay Box:

Motion was presented to the Mukwonago Village Board. Board vote was NOT in favor of adding a pay box for launching boats from the public launch.

Vote was taken during this 2019 meeting of residents in attendance; all residents in favor of parking changes on Andrews Street and/or charging launch/parking fees.

### 8. Update on Channel Ordinance Chapter 78, Section 78-7.

Update from Dave Dubey. The Town of Mukwonago Board voted to NOT change channel crossing ordinance.

### 9. Fisheries Management/Stocking:

PLMD will stock fish in the lakes the first week of October comprised of 1,300 walleye (7-10 inches long) and 1,900 largemouth bass (4-5 inches long). Half will be released from the public boat launch and other half into upper.

PLMD received more than \$500 in donations this year for fish stocking.

## 10. Harvesting Report:

Report provided by Harvesting Manager Gary Nance.

- Harvesting began 2 weeks late this year due to rain and wet dump sites. We are looking at adding additional weed dumping sites, specifically ones without dirt access.
- There was a crew shortage through July, severely impacting weed harvesting
- As of September 20, 2019, the crew harvested 165,500 cu. ft. (6,185 cu yards). [In 2018 we harvested 449,000 cu. ft. (16,629.63 cu yards).]
- Equipment is scheduled to be removed on October 15, 2019.
- The boom will need to be replaced prior to next season. Quotes vary from \$12,000 to \$45,000 from various local companies and scope of work will need to be looked at and requested. There are grants available for refurbishing equipment; PLMD will look at utilizing a grant to recoup partial funds for repairs.

The floor was open to discussion on harvesting, current weed harvesting permit, lake study and harvest permit appeal processes.

## 11. Exploration of Harvesting Equipment Purchase:

Discussion on potential small harvester purchase and current lake needs.

Adding another harvester would cost approximately an additional \$20,000 a year.

With the current weed harvesting permit, there isn't significant areas that could be additionally harvested.

PLMD board made the decision to hold off on a small harvester purchase for a year to evaluate the next harvesting season.

## 12. Lake Surface Water Study:

There was no update from the PLMD board and SEWRPC hasn't provided the study yet.

## 13. Items from the Floor:

Resident brought up concern with the proposed condo project on Lower Phantom Lake.

The PLMD board doesn't have authority on the project but will attend meetings or send letters if requested by residents.

## 14. Approval of 2018 Audit Report:

Report read by Treasurer Steve Verduyn.

**Motion to accept the audit report made by Mark Carlson. Second by Steve Verduyn. Motion carried on unanimous vote.**

## 15. Adoption of 2020 Proposed Budget:

Discussion on the proposed budget. Key items of discussion were levy increase; increasing monies for harvesting labor, repairs and maintenance; and eliminating transferring funds to equipment reserve fund for the year.

**Motion by Jake Jagmin to accept the proposed budget with adjustments to increasing levy by \$32.00 to \$100,500; adding \$12,000 to harvester repairs and increasing fish stocking to \$5,510. Seconded by Dave Fait. Vote 1 opposition, 31 in favor. Motion carried.**

## 16. Approval of Resolution 2019-01, Levy for 2020:

Levy discussion included with budget discussion.

**Motion to approve the levy of \$100,500 for 2020 made by Greg Blohm. Seconded by Mark Carlson. Motion carried on unanimous vote.**

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES CON'T

### 17. Election of Commissioners for 2019-2022 Term:

Two open positions for elected commissioners.

Steve Verduyn was on ballot for re-election. Nominations from the floor for Jake Jagmin and Tony Templin.

Steve Verduyn re-elected with 36 votes.  
Jake Jagmin elected with 22 votes.  
Tony Templin received 7 votes.

### 18. Set 2020 Annual Meeting Date:

**Motion made by Mark Carlson for next annual meeting date of September 23, 2020. Seconded by Greg Blohm. Motion carried on unanimous vote.**

### 19. Adjournment:

**Motion for adjournment at 9:22 pm by Mark Carlson. Second by Joe Kirchner. Motion carried on unanimous vote.**

## FISHING THE PHANTOMS

BY STEVE VERDUYN

Fishing presence has been through the roof this year, largely due to Covid-19, but hooking a fish seems to have slowed and been more of a challenge for most. The weekly bass tournament continues to run out of the public launch every Wednesday night from 6:00pm-9:00pm. This year, 20 1/4 inches, is the big bass of the year, but only one other bass over 19 inches has been brought in to be measured. Anyone is welcome to fish the bass tournament that runs from mid-May through mid-September. All fish caught in the tournament are released alive back into the lake immediately after they are measured.

Please consider catch and release, especially for any gamefish. Larger sized gamefish are critical to keeping pan fish populations in check. Our lakes get a lot of fishing pressure, so releasing gamefish is especially helpful on our lake.

The Phantom Lakes Management District will continue its fish stocking efforts this fall. We plan to stock more "advanced growth" walleyes that will be 5 to 7 inches long, as well young largemouth bass. Both upper and lower lakes will receive equal amounts of fish. The recent change in regulations on walleye size and possession limits should help these fish grow larger.

**Reminder:** The legal-size limit is now 18" and the possession limit is three (3) for walleye.

The PLMD would like to thank the anonymous fish stocking donors this year, allowing us to supply more fish. Donations can be mailed to: PLMD, P.O. Box 391 Mukwonago, WI 53149.

## LETTER FROM SUPERVISOR DARLENE JOHNSON

Dear PLMD Residents,

I continue to be honored to represent the 25th District constituents. We value our pristine waters of the Phantom Lakes and we continue to struggle to be able to weed harvest additional and sufficient areas. The PLMD Board has dealt with many obstacles regarding lake studies, harvesting permits and additional restrictions yet we continue to work together to provide the best opportunities for boating, fishing and family entertainment within the limitations.

Just a reminder the CTH ES Fox River Bridge is under construction until mid-November. The bridge's canoe/boat access point to the Fox River will be closed during this project.

Also, I would like to thank Mark Carlson for his years of service on the PLMD Board.

Contact me with any concerns,

Darlene M. Johnson, Waukesha County Supervisor  
[dmjohnson1@waukeshacounty.gov](mailto:dmjohnson1@waukeshacounty.gov)  
414-916-3876

## Changed Lake Wake Hours

The 2019 PLMD annual meeting motion for extending wake hours on the weekend was approved by the Mukwonago Town Board. The new wake hours are Saturday and Sunday until 5:00pm or sunset. The full motion and ordinance information can be found on the Phantom Lakes website under Lake News.

## Patrol on the Phantom Lakes

### From the Town of Mukwonago Police Department

This season has been very busy on the lakes due to many factors, including the ongoing Covid-19 situation, the extremely warm summer and more people recreating on Upper and Lower Phantom Lakes. With the increase in boat traffic, comes an increased need to boat safely.

We encourage all residents to use caution while boating. Never overload your vessel, operate in a reckless manner or violate boating regulations. We urge boaters to avoid consuming alcohol while boating. The legal limit in Wisconsin for intoxicated boating is .08, just as on the road. If you are stopped by officers and suspected of being under the influence, we will test you and arrest you, if you are intoxicated.

We would like to inform residents that the Slow, No-Wake (SNW) times for Phantom Lakes have changed. The new times that boats are not allowed to operate faster than SNW are 5:00pm or sunset (whichever is earlier) on Saturday and Sunday, and 7:00pm or sunset (whichever is earlier) Monday through Friday.

We also want to remind residents that town ordinance prohibits, swimming, wading or loitering in the channel between Upper and Lower Phantom, meaning nobody is allowed in the water in that area. Due to an increased number of people in the channel and numerous complaints about it, we must enforce this ordinance more strictly than we have in the past. If an officer sees anyone in the water within the channel, they will be cited.

<b>Phantom Lakes Speed Limits and Times</b>	
<b>Boat Speed Limit</b>	Maximum 40 mph (reasonable and prudent)
<b>Waterskiing Times</b> (only in counter-clockwise pattern)	<b>Monday – Friday:</b> 10am – 7pm (or sunset) <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday:</b> 10am – 5pm (or sunset)
<b>Slow No-Wake Times</b>	<b>Monday – Friday:</b> 7pm – 10am <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday:</b> 5pm – 10am <b>High Lake Level:</b> When the lake level exceeds 4ft as measured by gauge on the Mukwonago River dam
<b>Slow No-Wake Areas</b>	<b>Motorboats</b> within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier, shoreline or buoyed restricted area <b>Personal Watercraft</b> within 200 feet of shoreline or within 100 feet of another boat <b>Channel</b> between Upper and Lower Phantom, extending 100 feet into Lower and 150 feet into Upper
<b>Snowmobiles, All-Terrain Vehicles and Motorcycles on Ice</b>	<b>Sunrise to sunset:</b> 40 mph <b>Sunset to sunrise:</b> 20 mph <b>Within 100 feet of pedestrian or ice shanty:</b> 10 mph
<b>Cars and Trucks on Ice</b>	Maximum 15 mph

## THANK YOU

Chairman Mark Carlson has resigned from the PLMD due to work conflicts. The PLMD would like to thank Mark Carlson for his years of service on the board.

This is Kathy Verduyn's last meeting with the board and we thank her for her time and service.

We also extend our thanks to Gary Nance for his past work as harvesting manager and we welcome Dawn Couillard as the new harvesting manager.

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**Important Meeting Reminders**

- ◆ Bring this newsletter with you on September 23, 2020
- ◆ Meeting has moved to **Vernon Town Hall** (W249 S8910 Center Dr, Vernon, WI 53103)
- ◆ Face masks are required
- ◆ Bring a pen for ballot voting of commissioners
- ◆ Pre-register for meeting at *gonefishing@phantomlakes.us* to expedite entrance procedures

**LAKE PATROL CONTACTS**

If you see something suspicious on the lake, please use the following numbers accordingly.

<b>Mukwonago Town Police:</b> 262-363-5188	<b>Emergency:</b> 911
<b>Mukwonago Village Police:</b> 262-363-6434	<b>DNR:</b> 1-800-TIP-WDNR

Please consider putting your address at the end of your pier for those needing to receive assistance at an exact location.

**Phantom Lakes Management District**  
**PO Box 391**  
**Mukwonago, WI 53149**

E-mail: *gonefishing@phantomlakes.us*

