Phantom Lakes Management District Newsletter

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2023 Annual Meeting Agenda Tuesday September 19 2023 @ 6:00pm Mukwonago Town Hall (W320S8315 Beulah Rd. Mukwonago, WI)

- Call to Order
- 2. Open Meeting Notice
- 3. Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2022 Annual Meeting
- 4. Items from the Floor
- 5. Fisheries Management/Stocking
- 6. Harvesting Report
- 7. Sonar / Bathymetric Mapping
- 8. Equipment Condition Update and Replacement
- 9. Replacement of 10' Harvester
- 10. Approval of 2023 Audit Report
- 11. Adoption of 2024 Proposed Budget
- 12. Approval of Resolution 2023-01: Levy for 2024
- 13. Election of Commissioners for 2023-2026
- 14. Set 2024 Annual Meeting Date
- Adjournment

2023 Organizational Meeting AgendaTime: 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

Contact Colleen at 262-565-3212 or email at *gonefishing@phantomlakes.us* to be listed on the ballot by 9/8/2023. Nominations also will be taken from the floor on 9/19/2023.

PLMD PHONE NUMBERS COMMISSIONERS

Joe Graczyk	262-716-9891
(Chairman)	

Adam Miller 414-406-1994 (Treasurer)

Jake Jagmin414-350-7670 (Secretary)

Joanne Tlachac-Hehn262-352-0568

Joe Kirchner414-852-0730

David Dubey...... 414-588-2004 (Town Representative)

Darlene Johnson 414-916-3876 (County Supervisor)

HARVESTING MANAGER

Dawn Wilson (Couillard)... 262-441-1475

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PHANTOM LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

	GENERAL OPERATING FUND - GOF	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 20223(8-17)	Estimated 2023	Budget 2024
2	GOF Beginning Balance	60,423	34,121	34,121	34,121	50,000
3	REVENUES:					
4	Interest	14	50	50	50	50
5	Storage	0	0	0	0	0
6	Sale of 1994 10' ILH Harvester	0	0	0	0	30,000
7	Grants:	0	0	0	2.500	2.500
8	Clean Boats Clean Waters 2018	0	0	0	2,500	2,500
9 10	Lake Surface Water Grant	0 56 775	0	22.080	98,643	() 66.554
11	Harvester Grant Donations:	56,775	U	32,089	98,043	66,554
12	Fireworks	2,500	0	3,850	3,850	0
13	Fish Stocking	1,200	500	1,150	1,150	500
14	Legal	0	0	3,000	3,000	0
15	Town Mukwonago	0	3,000	0,000	0	ő
16	Village Mukwonago	ő	2,100	0	1,000	0
17	State of W9iComp Aid	0	0	0	0	0
18	Levy	132,902	150,000	150,000	150,000	165,000
19	TOTAL REVENUES		155,650	190,139	260,193	264,604
20	Transfer in from Equipment Reserve Fund:	12,073	0	0	14,479	88,358
21	New/Refurbished Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
22	Transfer in from Lake Protection Fund:	v	· ·	ŭ	· ·	v
23	Well Study (2014 Offset 2013 Expenditure)	0	0	0	0	0
24	Lake Study	0	0	0	ő	$\overset{\circ}{0}$
25	Total Revenues + Fund Transfers In		155,650	190,139	274,672	352,962
26	Total Revenues + Transfers In + Beginning Balance	265,927	189,771	224,260	308,793	402,962
27	EXPENDITURES:					
28	Operating Costs:					
29	Administrative:					
30	Accounting Expense	250	2,500	621	2,500	1,000
31	Conventions	0	0	0	0	0
32	Assistant	2,210	6,000	3,194	4,000	5,000
33	Harvesting Manager	3,000	3,000	0	3,000	3,000
34	Miscellaneous	1,267	500	205	500	500
35	Newsletters/Notices & Web Site	4,385	2,500	268	2,000	2,000
36	Office Expense	971	500	103	400	500
37	Publications Legal	0	0	0	0	0
38	All other Account Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
39	Total Administrative	12,083	15,000	4,391	12,400	12,000
40	Other:	2 000	2 200		2 200	2 200
41	Commissioner Pay	2,809	3,200	0	3,200	3,200
42	Contingency Fund	0	1,000	0	1,000	7,000
43	Clean Boats Clean Water Program	0	2,500	0	2,500	2,500
44	Fish Stocking	5,670	6,000	0	7,150	6,000
45	Insurance	6,205	5,200	6,325	6,325	9,000
46	Lake Safety	1,000	1,250	1,250	1.250	1,350
47 48	Aquatic Plant Management / Survey Legal Fees/Consultant/Well Study	8,829	10,200	10,110	10,110	3,000 20,000
40 49	Water Monitoring and Lab	0	0	0	1 0	20,000
50	Fireworks	7,500	6,500	10,365	10,365	6,500
51	Wildlife Control	7,300	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,750
52	Total Other	<u> </u>	39,351	31,550	45,401	62,300
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53	GENERAL OPERATING FUND - GOF	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023 (8-17)	Estimated 2023	Budget 2024
54	Harvesting:					
55	Fuel and Oil	7,183	7,500	2,907	5,000	5,500
56	Harvesting / Waste Permit	0	0	0	0	200
57	Labor	36,132	55,000	28,396	40,000	50,000
58	Remove/Put in Harvesters/Storage/Winterization	1,399	1,500	404	808	1,500
59	Repairs and Maintenance	15,122	20,000	24,015	23,902	13,000
60	Other Harvesting/Land Rental	1	1	0	1	2
61	Contractor Channel Harvesting**	3,355	0	0	0	0
62	10' Harvester & Trailer Purchase	124,517	0	0	81,033	162,066
63	PLMD Property Expenses	0	0	0	0	5,000
64	Total Harvesting	187,709	84,001	55,722	150,744	237,268
65	Total Expenditures	231,806	138,352	91,663	208,545	311,568
66	GOF Fund Transfers to:					
67	Equipment Reserve Fund (savings)*	0	28,691	40,382	40,382	32,000
68	Lake Protection Fund (savings)	0	0	0	0	0
69	Total Fund Transfers Out	0	28,691	40,382	40,382	32,000
70	Total Operating Costs (including fund transfers out)	231,806	167,043	132,045	248,927	343,568
71	Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	-26,302	17,298	98,476	66,127	41,394
72	GOF Ending Balance	34,121	22,728	92,215	59,866	59,394
73	EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND (savings)	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023 (6/01)	Estimated 2023	Budget 2024
74 75	Beginning Balance	42,306	30,272	30,404	30,404	56,333
75 76	REVENUES: Transfer from GOF	0	28,691	40,382	40,382	32,000
70 77	Interest	39	75	26	26	25
78	EXPENDITURES:	37	73	20	20	23
79	Transfer to GOF -New/Refurbished Equipment	12,073	0	0	14,479	88,358
80	Transfer to GOF -Repair & Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
81	Ending Balance	30,272	59,038	70,812	56,333	0
82	LAKE PROTECTION FUND (savings)	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Estimated 2023	Budget 2024
83	Beginning Balance	4,255	4,256	4,258	4,255	4,256
84	REVENUES:					
84 85	Transfer from GOF	0	0	0	0	0
86	Interest	12	1	1	1	1
87	EXPENDITURES:	1.2	1	1	1	1
88	Transfer to GOF	0	0	0	0	0
89	Ending Balance	4,267	4,257	4,259	4,256	4,257
- 07		1,207	1,201	19207	1,230	1,201

GOF to maintain a balance of \$50,000.00 any surplus to be transferred to Equipment Reserve Fund

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

ANNUAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

UNAPPROVED

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Joe Graczyk.

Open Meeting Notice:

The meeting was noticed and posted according to law.

Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2021 Annual Meeting:

Jack Fiene motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 9-22-2021, seconded by Anthony Templin. Motion carried (unanimous).

Fisheries Management/Stocking:

Steve Verduyn provided an update. The permit was approved by the DNR. 900 Walleye, 1500 Black Crappie and 1200 Bass will be stocked in early October. PLMD thanks the private donors who contributed funding for fish stocking.

Harvesting Report:

- Harvesting Manager, Dawn Wilson (Couillard), provided an update. Manager and Crew are happy with the new 7ft harvester and frustrated with the old harvester and repairs. Hard to find staff, Chad has been a large asset. Buoys will be coming out September 29th with the help of the village. Scheduling to remove harvesters for the season at the beginning of October.
- Daniel Walsh commented on No Trespassing signs. Dawn Couillard noted occasions where people were fishing off the harvester. Signs posted to protect the harvesters and truck.
- Bill Morris, a contractor with a special 5ft harvester was out once this season, had to end early due to mechanical issues. Our 7ft harvester is now able to reach most of those areas.

Lake Plant Survey (as required by Wi DNR)

- A point-intercept survey (P/I) was performed early September by Lake and Pond Solutions. It is required every five years for renewal of our harvesting permit. Jeff Seltzer with Lake and Pond Solutions stood up to give his report and answer questions from the citizens and board. Jeff has twenty plus years of experience; he conducted our P/I and will help with our Aquatic Plant Management (APM) application.
- Concerns for our lake with the discovery of Starry Stonewort and the increasingly invasive Southern Wild Rice. The survey from four years ago did not note any Starry Stonewort or wild rice, we now have an abundance of both. Lower Phantom being shallow puts us more at risk, we have one of the 'worst infestations in the state.' The Starry Stonewort can be treated chemically but there is no history of the DNR allowing it. The wild rice could be trimmed back if the DNR allows us.
- Starry Stonewort is an algae that creates thick mats that kill other species of weeds and chases the fish away. It is often found at the end of piers where motors rest. Going through the mats of algae is not recommended as agitation will lend to spreading.
- Daniel Riley brought up Whispering Bay Condominiums not having their shoreline cut like other properties on Lower Phantom. Jeff Seltzer stated that area is a DNR designated sensitive area and would need to be requested when we apply for APM.
- Jake Jagmin makes a motion to approve Aquatic Plant Management Report to be completed by Lake and Pond Solutions on both Upper and Lower Phantom not to exceed \$9,600. Joe Graczyk seconds. Motion carries (unanimous).

Equipment Condition Update and Replacement:

Adam Miller reported. New 7ft harvester arrived in July, all is going well. Our 2006 dump truck will need a tune up over the winter. The 10ft 1994 harvester has an increasing amount of repairs annually. The five year total for repairs is 60,000

- Discussion of selling the old harvester, applying for the grant and purchasing a new 10 ft harvester were had. The process takes about 3 years and may require a loan.
- Kathy Verduyn made a motion to apply for a grant to purchase a replacement 10ft harvester. Deb Jaeck seconds. Motion carries (unanimous). The decision to acquire a replacement 10ft harvester will be made during the 2023 PLMD Annual Meeting as the grand award amount will be known then.

Wildlife Control

- Board member Joanne Tlachac-Hehn quoted Brad Koele, a wildlife damage specialist with the Wisconsin DNR. "Overall, the state goose population has been increasing, the 2021 Waterfowl Breeding Survey indicated that there's a little over 181,000 geese in the state. That's 68 percent above the longterm average and that population seems to the steadily increasing. What typically happens is you conduct the roundup; you remove some of those geese and then that makes the nonlethal abatement methods more effective"
- Cost of the USDA effort is \$3,500. The permission slip will allow the coordinators onto your property should you grant access
- Jack Fiene makes a motion to proceed with the 2023 Wildlife Control. Anthony Templin seconds. Motion passes (unanimous).

Items from the Floor

- Sergeant Eric Schmidt stood up and presented the board with the 2022 lake patrol recap and took questions from the residents. Overall, 161 hours of patrolling with 32 stops yielding 21 citations and 43 warnings. The Town Police Department is trying to secure a UTV to patrol the 22-23 ice season.
- Steve Verduyn spoke on behalf of Steve Todd about Clean Boats Clean Waters Program. The program has changed in years since our involvement, budget is being altered to reflect our future involvement.

Approval of 2021 Audit Report:

Treasurer Adam Miller reads the report. No issues.

Gary Graczyk makes a motion to approve the audit. Anthony Templin seconds. Motion carried (unanimous).

Adoption of 2023 Proposed Budget:

Budget presented by Treasurer Adam Miller.

Steve Verduyn motioned to accept the budget as presented with a change to the Clean Boats Clean Water Program. Anthony Templin seconds. Motion carried (unanimous)

Approval of Resolution 2022-23: Levy for 2023:

Joe Graczyk read the resolution. Steve Verduyn motioned to approve the levy at \$150,000 (line 15 of the budget) for calendar year 2023. Susan Graczyk seconded. Motion carried (unanimous).

Election of Commissioners for 2021-2024:

One open seat. Jake Jagmin placed his name on the ballots.

37 ballots were cast with 33 votes for Jake Jagmin and zero write ins, 4 were not handed in. PLMD welcomes Jake Jagmin to serve on the PLMD board for the appointed 3-year terms.

Set 2022 Annual Meeting Date:

Dawn Wilson (Couillard) motioned to have the PLMD annual meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 6:00PM. Seconded by Caroline Jagmin. Motion carried (unanimous).

Adjournment:

Jake Jagmin made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Joe Graczyk seconded. Motion carried (unanimous).

FIREWORKS OVER PHANTOM LAKES

ARTICLE BY JAKE JAGMIN

Phantom Lakes Management District celebrated this year's Independence Day with a July 3rd, 2023, public fireworks display. The fireworks were launched over the water from Phantom Glenn Park, adjacent to the Andrews Street boat launch, at approximately 9:30PM. Although the park was closed during the show, spectators had spectacular views from the water and the surrounding area. The new Phantom Junction stage located at Indian Head Park drew a large crowd and featured live music by *The BriTins* and *Dirty Boogie* and many food vendors and trucks. These activities at Indian Head Park were sponsored and coordinated by Phantom Junction stage and not PLMD, although fell on the same day as the fireworks display.

PLMD budgeted \$6500 in 2023 to support the July 3rd, 2023, fireworks show and has the same amount in the 2024 preliminary budget. This amount is the minimum level that reserves the contractor and crew ensuring a display is possible. Additional private donations totaled approximately \$4000 in 2023 and greatly enhanced the display. For more information on the show or if you are an individual or business interested in donating, additional details can be found at: https://phantomlakes.us/fireworks/





(Left) 2023 Fireworks debris clean up volunteers at Phantom Glen Park: [Left to Right] Caroline Jagmin, Secretary Jake Jagmin, Board Member Joanne Tlachac-Hehn, Town of Mukwonago Representative Dave Dubey, Harvesting Manager Dawn Wilson, Treasurer Adam Miller, Chairman Joe Graczyk, Waukesha County Supervisor Darlene Johnson, Gary Eastlund. Leanne Eastlund not pictured.

FIREWORK DONATIONS:

A special thank you to the following for their donations to make the show this year have a bigger bang.

TOP DONOR: MARVEL DESIGNS

Citizens Bank of Mukwonago **\$300**Sheree Clauer **\$40**Jason Gator Pieters **\$100**Charlotte Jaeck **\$125**Peter Brierton **\$50**Zack Laue **\$50**Scott Babinat **\$130**Gary & Leanne Eastlund **\$129**Adam Miller **\$128**John Krewer **\$50**

Dawn & Tom Wilson \$127 Joseph Kirchner \$126 Chelsea & Jason Hilgert \$125 Jake Jagmin \$125 Wayne Redding \$100 Katy Miller \$50 Klayton & Colleen Mutchler \$50 Adam Miller \$100



10' Harvester Update

At our 2022 annual meeting, the district voted overwhelmingly to pursue a Wisconsin Waterways grant to fund the replacement of our 10' Harvester. I'm pleased to write that on August 8th 2023, the Wisconsin Waterways Com-



mission voted to award the Phantom Lakes Management District a grant up to 50% of the cost of a new harvester (up to \$133,107.50, which is the maximum available to us) to replace our existing 10' Harvester.

Our 10' Harvester is a 1994 Inland Lakes Harvester, which was overhauled in 2008 by Aquarius. In recent years, this harvester has been taking its toll on our repair budget. So far in 2023 we have spent \$23,902.00 on repairs, 2022 we spend \$14,825.00, \$15,372 in 2021, \$14,509 in 2020 and \$12,083 in 2019. In 5 years, our repair and maintenance budget has been \$80,691.00, and while 100% of this amount isn't just repairs on the harvester (Truck repairs, Maintenance items, grease, oil, filters, etc.) a vast majority of this money is spent repairing a 30-year-old machine.

The board is seeking a vote to approve the purchase of a new Harvester from Inland Lake Harvesters, the manufacturer of our 7' Harvester. ILH has committed to purchasing our old machine for \$30,000. With the sale of the old machine and the waterways grant, the amount that will fall on the district for the new machine will be \$91,550.00. As of this writing, if approved and barring any delays in manufacturing or parts procurement, the harvester would be available to the district mid-summer 2024.





LETTER FROM SUPERVISOR DAR-LENE JOHNSON

Dear PLMD Residents.

As your 25th District Waukesha County Supervisor, I extend greetings to all of you and thank you for attending the 2023 Annual Phantom Lakes Management District meeting. I appreciate being your elected representative on the Phantom Lakes Board and want to share what a great job the board has done on behalf of the residents of upper and lower Phantom Lakes:

- First, Congratulations to our recently married Harvest Manager, Dawn Couillard, now Dawn Wilson. Many thanks to Dawn for doing an excellent job with staff and concerns of weed collection. Speaking of collections, the wildlife control went well and thank you to all for your assistance, despite chatter from others outside the lake district.
- Kudos to our secretarial Assistant, Colleen Mutchler, who has been keeping up with emails, agendas, annual meeting, and informing lake district members of current events, as well as sharing spectacular photos on our PLMD website.
- Board Secretary Jake Jagmin again ran our THIRD successful "3rd of July Fireworks" event which this year became the finale for the first annual Phantom Junction stage performances. This Fireworks finale was the best ever set off at Phantom Glen Park.
- I must acknowledge the countless hours and effort Chairman Joe Graczyk puts into agenda items of concern for our Lake District.
- Our Board Treasurer, Adam Miller, has had to work with difficult budget decisions due to our older Harvester's continuing needs of repairs. We are pleased with our new 7Foot Harvester nicknamed "Baby Blue", still having occasional hiccups, but great cutting those nasty weeds in smaller areas of our lake district.
- PLMD board member Joanne Tlachac-Hehn has been fighting for expanding our Weed Harvesting lanes and endlessly working with our area DNR Lake District coordinator.
- Also, special thanks to Board members Joe Kirchner and Dave Dubey for all your time, effort and years of service in PLMD.

Phantom Lakes Management District is blessed with dedicated members on this board. As always, thank you all and please contact me with any concerns.

Darlene M Johnson, Waukesha County Supervisor dmjohnson1@waukeshacounty.gov

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FISHING THE PHANTOMS

BY STEVE VERDUYN

Despite the continued heavy fishing pressure on the Phantoms, fishing has been pretty good this summer. Although the number of bass being brought in on the weekly Wednesday night bass tournament that is run out of Castaways, the big bass of the year so far this year is 21 1/2". This is the longest bass brought in to be measured in 7 years. Every week, multiple bass over 16" are being brought in to be measured then released alive back into the lake. Some of the bass anglers have reported catching walleyes and some nice sized northern pike while bass fishing.

Panfishing has been good, but many feel the size seems to be down somewhat. Both upper and lower are producing bluegills. Some very nice sized crappies were caught on both lakes earlier this spring, but seem to have disappeared in the warmer summer weather.

The Phantom Lakes Management District is pleased to announce that the District will be stocking more fish again this fall! While the specifics haven't been determined yet, the stockings have traditionally been a mix of both panfish and gamefish. Stocking occurs under permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources and is done once the water cools down, usually in late September or early October.

Good luck out there! If you catch a big one, the Phantom Lakes Management District would like to post your picture on the PLMD website. Please email the picture to: gonefishing@phantomlakes.us



Above: Shannon Achtenhagen 21" Bass

Harvesting Permit Update:

The PLMD Board hears residences concerns regarding excessive weeds and is doing everything reasonable feasible to expand harvesting and contest the WI DNR.

Every five years PLMD is required to renew our mechanical seaweed harvesting permit with the WI DNR. The renewal process requires the lakes to have a Point-Intercept survey preformed. During the 2021 annual meeting residents voted in favor of having Jeff Steltzer (owner) of Lake and Pond Solutions collect the P/I survey data. This consists of using a rake to collect and record the amount and types of plant species detected throughout 300 points on lower Phantom and 276 points on upper Phantom. You may have seen this crew on the lakes in August of 2022.

An Aquatic Management Plan (APM) is also required every five years to renew the harvesting permit. The APM consists of a biologist(s) deciphering the P/I data collected and analyzing trends to make a recommendation regarding harvesting amounts and locations. During the 2022 annual meeting residents voted in favor of contracting Lake and Pond solutions to generate the APM.

In April 2023, the draft APM was submitted to PLMD's DNR biologist to review. The APM recommended expansion of the current harvesting lanes, an additional north/south lane, and additional harvesting around the condo piers. This additional harvesting would increase the total mass of harvesting on Lower Phantom from 12% to 14%. The APM cited data and studies to support these revisions. Despite requests for feedback from the DNR, none was provided. PLMD submitted the harvesting permit along with the APM and required documents to the DNR in July. While the DNR approved an APM, no additional harvesting was approved, nor any rationale for the decision other than the fisheries biologists didn't recommend changes. The PLMD board feels the DNR biologists failed to give the APM, along with the documentation provided, full and complete review and consideration. PLMD's APM was based on solid data and lake management practices and deserves proper consideration.

PLMD has/had until 8-23-2023 to file to legally contest the harvesting permit issued. Thanks to a \$3,000 donation by PLMD board member Joanne Tlachac-Hehn, PLMD is working with Attorneys at Amundsen Davis to file the petition to the WI DNR.

At this time it has not been determined if PLMD will purse judicial review through circuit court or a contested hearing or both. **Input from residents and discussion on the amount of legal funds that should be budgeted for 2024 is encouraged during the 9-19-2023 annual meeting.** *APM Draft is posted at https://phantomlakes.us/harvesting-news/*

Bathymetric (lake bed contour) and Sonar Readings are being considered for the 2024 budget. The current mappings of Upper and Lower Phantom Lake are from 1972. The reading would need to take place in early spring before aquatic plant growth starts. If approved, updated bathymetric maps could potentially be accessible via google maps to everyone and be beneficial to finding secret fishing spot(s), etc.

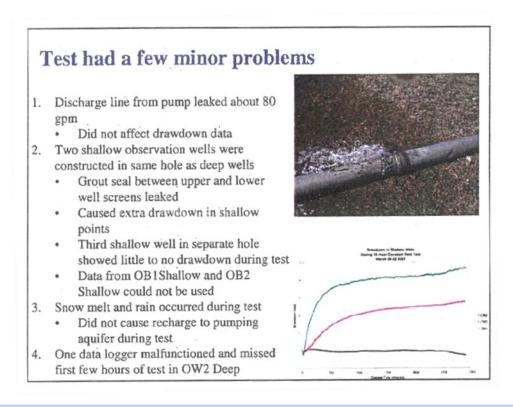
Two terms are coming up for reelection on the PLMD Board. Phantom Lakes Management District (PLMD) has sought to protect and improve the overall well-being of the Phantom Lakes in Mukwonago, Wisconsin, as well as educate lakeshore residents and the local citizenry on matters concerning land and lake use laws, boating safety issues, and general environmental aspects that might affect the lakes. We are responsible for fish stocking and monitoring the health of the various forms of wildlife that we're fortunate to have inhabiting the lakes. We operate the harvester which attempts to maintain a delicate relationship between the desirable aquatic plant life and the noxious weeds that occasionally make life difficult for recreationists.

Update on Village Well #7

In May 2023, Village municipal well #7 yielded detectable levels of PFAS (forever chemicals), exceeding the "safe" heath advisory levels established by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Subsequently, well #7 was taken offline in June of 2023. Well #7 is a high capacity, shallow well located off Hwy J, approximately 1000 ft from Upper Phantom Lake shoreline. Operation of this well is (was) controversial. PLMD had fears that pumping 400 gallons per minute would starve the springs that feed the lake, decreasing water exchange and quality. Furthermore, the water is treated and sent down the Fox River, bypassing the watershed entirely. Various studies and legal battles occurred from roughly 2004-2008 and the well was eventually allowed to be used despite PLMD's efforts. It's unclear what effect this well had on the lakes, but perhaps we will see a positive impact soon.

For additional information please visit: https://www.villageofmukwonago.gov/home/news/pfas-testing

(Below) Slide from a presentation regarding test data used to determine the wells impact on Phantom Lakes



NEW WEBSITE

Our website was redesigned last fall and has since been updated regularly. You will find up to date information, agendas, meeting minutes, treasurers reports and much more. Feel free to submit wild-life photos to gonefishing@phantomlakes.us to be featured. Thank you to Dave Immel for allowing us to feature a few of his photographs. We look forward to staying in touch with our residents.

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Important Meeting Reminders

- Bring this newsletter with you on September 19, 2023
- Bring a pen for ballot voting of commissioners
- Consider filling out a permission slip for wildlife control

LAKE PATROL CONTACTS

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

Mukwonago Town Police: 262-363-5188 Emergency: 911

Mukwonago Village Police: 262-363-6434 DNR: 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.

September 2023