



PARADISE LAKE ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Michigan's Natural Resources at Risk Under Senate Bill 1211

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Senate Bill 1211, introduced by Senator Tom Casperson, will deregulate approximately ½ million to 1 million acres of wetlands in Michigan. In addition, Michigan's inland lakes and streams would lose protections under the bill. Almost 4,000 inland lakes and approximately 2,610 impoundment lakes will lose protections.

Also as defined in the bill, "artificial features created in land...for swimming" are no longer regulated. **What does that mean for our resources up North? It means that any lake with a legal lake level – Walloon Lake, the lakes of the Inland Waterway, the entire Elk River Chain of Lakes – would only be regulated to the legal lake level.** This could easily change the very nature and character of our inland lakes. We could start to see massive seawalls, boathouses, extreme docks, helipads, and other development along the shorelines of inland lakes above legal lake levels because that area is no longer regulated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Furthermore, at a minimum, 36% of Michigan streams, which are ephemeral, along with an unknown number of miles of streams due to the ever changing definition of "Water of the United States" would all no longer be protected under Senate Bill 1211. **The bill also includes a provision that "erosional features" are no longer regulated as streams. Technically, all streams and rivers are erosional features, so if the bill is interpreted as written, no streams or rivers will be regulated in the State.** It is fair to say the impacts of Senate Bill 1211 will be astounding. Senate Bill 1211 quickly passed out of the Senate and is now before the Michigan Competiveness Committee, chaired by Representative Lee Chatfield, contact listed in text box on page 6.

Provided by TOMWC. **See top of page 6 for more questionable bills.**

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PLA GOALS

- *To Encourage the best possible water quality of Paradise Lake
- *To Stress communication, education and promotion about and for the Paradise Lake area
- *To Promote fish management
- *To Promote boat safety
- *To Complete a visible community improvement project annually



PLA 2019 ACTIVITIES	
Jan 19	Ice Fishing Tournament
June 08	Spring Bike Tour
July 06	Summer Festival
July 27	Boating Safety Class
August 4	Annual Meeting
Sept 14	Fall Bike Tour

PLA OFFICERS	
President:	Greg Torsky
Vice President:	Jim Pauling
Treasurer:	Barry Potter
Secretary:	Jolene Michaels
Trustees:	Dale Berry, Mike Madden, David Milne, Mary Lu Norton
Seasonal Trustees:	George Bearden, Donna Karbowski, Dick Elliott, Paul Karbowski

2019 PLA BOARD MEETING DATES	
Members & Public Welcome--at Carp Lake town hall except January and August	
January 3(Torsky's)	Aug 4 (Pavilion)
February 5	September 3
May 7	October 1
June 4	November 5
July 2	December 4. 2018

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From the Desk of the President...



For Your Consideration.....

Winter arrived very early this year in Carp Lake and many parts of the country. While we are warm and cozy let's not forget our friends and neighbors who may need some cheering up during the holidays.

I am quite in awe by the PLA's dedication to our community and the people living in our little corner of the world. Christmas baskets, welcome baskets, thinking of you baskets, and new this year a community Christmas Tree. If you have not been involved in this "spirit of Christmas" perhaps now is the time.

With the calm and stillness of the winter season perhaps it's time to reflect on your involvement with PLA activities. Here are a few suggestions:

- ***Support your PLA with your membership
- ***Attend Board Meetings
- ***Volunteer to help with the Ice Fishing Tournament January 19, 2019
- ***Take part in Summer Festival Pancake Breakfast and/or Parade either as participant or volunteer
- ***Attend the Annual Potluck meeting in August
- ***Volunteer to help with Clean Boats/Clean Waters
- ***Volunteer to help with weeding and watering of our newly improved Bear triangle

To ask questions or volunteer contact board@paradiselakeassociation.org or Greg Torsky at 231-758-0586.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.....*Greg*

“Be thankful for what you have: You’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never have enough.”.....*Oprah Winfrey*

PLA NEWS

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Collection boxes are in place at the Paradise Lake Marina, the Carp Lake General Store, the Carp Lake Post Office and Roy Alexander's pole barn, 7663 Paradise Trail for non-perishable food donations for the PLA annual Christmas Basket and "Thinking of You" Baskets. Delivery will be in early December.

Make your holiday a little brighter by donating food, money and/or volunteering to sort and help deliver baskets. Food baskets are delivered to folks in need of a little extra cheer during the holidays. "Thinking of You" fruit baskets are given to those who have had an illness, lost a loved one or are new to the neighborhood.

PARADISE LAKE ASSOCIATION ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

	ENTRY#	NAME	WT
HEAVIEST PIKE	28"	#32 Bryan McCafferty	42.6 [#]
HEAVIEST WALLEYE	23 1/4"	#26 Clayton Mooney	4.39 [#]
HEAVIEST PANFISH	11 1/2"	#47 Austin Neill	.77 [#]
2ND PLACE PIKE		#45 Jacob Schmalzried	2.86 [#]
1ST PIKE	25"	#13 Chris Alexander	2.65 [#]
1st 10" or over Perch	11"	#11 Craig Antkowiak	1.64 [#]



Get your name on the above "Leader Board" and keep it there until the end of the day and you will be in the money category!!! The annual Paradise Lake Association Ice Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday January 19, 2019 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. It will be conducted out of the Paradise Lake Marina. Fishermen registering the Heaviest Walleye, Heaviest Pike and Heaviest Pan fish will be awarded \$300 each. Prizes are prorated if fewer than 80 competitors are registered in the tournament so encourage your friends and neighbors to participate and give everyone a chance at the big money! There is also a chance ticket for cash prizes resulting from 3 ticket drawings at the awards announcements, must be present to win. **"First fish in" prizes have been eliminated.** See the PLA website, Carp Lake General Store, Paradise Lake Marina and other area businesses posting tournament rules for details. Winter in Michigan doesn't get any better than this. Enjoy the outdoors, the challenge and good times shared with good friends. Call President Greg Torsky at 231-758-0586 if you have questions.

PLA MEMBERSHIP

If you listen to the loons with awe, watch eagles soar, love the sunsets, are invested in the health of our fishery and appreciate the vibe of our step-back-in-time community, then you will want to stay informed through your new or renewed PLA membership. The quarterly newsletters, periodic e-mail notices and fun events will keep you involved and informed. The address label on the front of this newsletter indicates the year through which you have paid your dues. Applications are available on the last page of this newsletter or on www.paradiselakeassociation.org under the "Store" tab. Notice the 3 year family category on the application, designed to save you money! Invite your neighbor to join. Our membership year is from January 1st through December 31st.
*Tune in and Stay Informed*!!!!

Past and present PLA Board members have gathered for several years in early December to share a restaurant meal and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed atmosphere. Most of their gatherings are planning or work oriented. This year they opted to meet in late October to allow board members to attend who leave for other areas by December. They met at Harbor Lights Grill, whose staff was accommodating enough to open on the normal evening they are closed. With fun conversation, lack of busy December schedule and missing worry of bad weather for travel, it appeared this might become the new tradition. The food was delicious, and none of the board had to cook or do dishes. Success!!

KUDOS TO BENEFACOR CATEGORY MEMBERS

A very large THANK YOU goes to the following PLA members for supporting our organization with additional benefactor funds!!!! You are sincerely appreciated: **Alexander's Plumbing & Heating, Robb Burkee State Farm Insurance, Darrow Brother's Excavating, Lakeside Cabins, Little Traverse Conservancy, Pines of Paradise, Pure Paradise Resort, Terry Burge, Jack & Marie Douglas, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Elliott, Dick & Judy Guernsey, Richard Hayes, Reinhardt & Patricia Jahn, Robby & Nancy Nickerson, Bob & Marilyn Roll, Kim & Mark Stecko, and Greg Torsky.**

Good Wishes to Terry Burge

Terry Burge has served as a Trustee on the PLA Board of directors since August of 2001. Terry is re-locating to Bay City to be near family members as many of us do. This fall started the 18th year that Terry has served. If a tent needed setting up, breakfast needed assistance, fish tournament needed help, rain garden needed planting or weeding, it was Highway Pick-Up time, Terry was there. He also often had the quiet solution to a situation with many opinions, common sense at its finest. You will be missed Terry. We wish you all the best.

PLA WEBSITE

The PLA website is www.paradiselakeassociation.org. Visit there for updated information about our lake and community. There are a number of beautiful photos submitted by PLA members. We enjoy new photos, so if you have photos you would like to share, send to photo@paradiselakeassociation.org. Members can reach a given board member at specific email addresses noted on website or email all board members using address: board@paradiselakeassociation.org.



Above September Highway Pick-Up received great help from (l to r) Mike and Karen Madden, Barry Potter, John and Judy Rigsbee and George Bearden. Workers not shown included Greg Torsky, JP Pauling, Annie Bearden, and Donna Karbowski, who chairs, coordinates, files reports and is a great photographer among other hidden talents!

PLA OCTOBER 2018 FINGERLING WALLEYE PLANTING



The PLA, using dollars from neighborhood donation cans and adding money from the PLA Treasury, have been able to plant 6" to 8" walleye in Paradise Lake in 2016 and 2018. In 2017 fall walleye rearing was not successful, so none were available to purchase. Plans are to continue the program in 2019. A MDNR permit is obtained and these fish are in addition to the fingerling walleye planted every 3 years in our lake by the MDNR. Your support is appreciated!! It makes better fishing opportunities in our lake!!

When our Hysterical Historian, Roy Alexander, was asked if he ever remembered ice forming across our lake as early as 11-15 he responded:

Before he recorded dates, he remembers ice fishing during deer season.

After he recorded dates: Total ice formed on 11-25 in 1977, on 11-15 in 1978, on 11-30 in 1979, on 12-01 in 1983 (his note, bad ice, bad fish), on 12-18 in 1986 (his note, ice not safe).

He also remembers winning many whiskey pools during deer season and that once he brought home 6 fox pups that he dug out through the snow on April 15th. These last 2 historic facts may or may not be pertinent. 😂

QUESTIONABLE BILLS IN MICHIGAN DECEMBER CONGRESS

Grenetta from Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council has brought to our attention there are several very bad environmentally-related bills being considered in Michigan's lame duck session in the state legislature, including efforts (SB1197) involving Line 5, (SB1188) local ordinances on tree and vegetation removal, (SB1211) wetland regulations and (HB 5752 & 5753) septic system oversight. You can get a good run down from our friends at the Watershed Center – Grand Traverse Bay who published a Policy Watch List here: <https://www.gtbay.org/grand-traverse-baykeeper/policy-watch-list/> Go to this web site and [you can click on each bill, follow from original through the path they are traveling.](#) Thanks to lots of folks commenting these bills are being revised daily and sometimes hourly. Please check their status and then give your opinion to your congressmen: Michigan Senator Wayne Schmidt (37th) 517-373-2413 www.SenatorWayneSchmidt.com/contact. Michigan Representative is Lee Chatfield (107th) 517-373-2629 LeeChatfield@house.mi.gov. Michigan Governor Rick Snyder 517-373-3400 governorsoffice@michigan.gov

PLA members, if you have ever been concerned about protection of our beautiful Michigan waters now is the time to act. Pay special attention to SB 1197, authorizing a Line 5 tunnel under the Straits of Mackinaw. It passed in Senate on 12-5. It will now go before the House. Revisions and language changing often, your voices matter!!



Community Notes

PARADISE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD (PLIB)

The next PLIB meeting will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Carp Lake town hall. A study conducted by the University of Michigan Biological Station staff and students in summer of 2017 has proved that muck build up on the properties of 3 riparian owners on the southeast shoreline is not coming from sediment in the Laminar Flow area. DNA results has proved it is coming from floating and deteriorating Eurasian water milfoil that is disrupted by boats or wind. The PLIB is researching options to correct the situation. The full study report is available on the PLIB website listed below. The PLIB consultant's 2018 report was presented at the November meeting and a group of 3 men, headed by Bob Smith from Cedarville gave a presentation describing the ability of a native fungus called mycoleptodiscusterrestris (MT) to attack Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) and reduce beds fairly quickly. Samples of EWM was taken from Paradise Lake in the fall of 2016. Assessment of those samples proved that MT fungus exists naturally in our lake. There is no commercial outlet for MT fungus at this time, but we possibly might become a partner in their pilot project. The PLIB board is considering this among other options to supplement Laminar Flow control of EWM in Paradise Lake.

John Siegel from Blake Drive was elected to fill the PLIB Riparian Representative vacated by Elaine Bostwick. That term is for 4 years.

PLIB mailing address is P.O. Box 52, Carp Lake, MI 49718-0052, e-mail address is paradiselib@gmail.com and website is www.paradiselakeimprovementboard.com. This website is the official valid source of information regarding PLIB minutes and business.

2019 Paradise Lake Association Membership Application and Renewal Form

SUPPORTER - Family/individual membership, 1 year \$ 15
-Family/individual membership, 3 years \$ 40

SUSTAINER - For all business members and for families/individuals who want to contribute more to the Association. Business members will be listed in the annual brochure.

Business Membership Family/Individual Membership \$ 35

BENEFACTOR - For business members or families/individuals who want to contribute more to the Association. Business members will be listed in the annual brochure. All benefactor members will be recognized in the December newsletter.

Business Membership Family/Individual Membership \$100

Amount enclosed \$ _____ Check number _____

Website: www.paradiselakeassociation.org

Please return this form with your dues to the:
Paradise Lake Assn. Treasurer
P.O. Box 2
Carp Lake, MI 49718

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Family Name _____

Summer Address (only if you receive mail in Carp Lake) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Winter Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

CHECK HERE EACH YEAR INDICATING YOU WISH QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER BY
 E-MAIL OR **REGULAR MAIL**

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

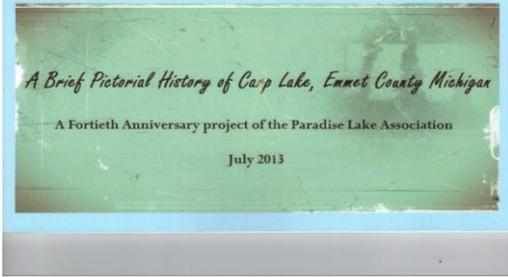
Business Members please complete the following the way you want it stated in the annual directory. **Dues must be received by April 15, 2019 for inclusion in annual area directory.**
(Remember to also give us the address where you receive your mail if different than business address)

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

Business Phone _____

Business e-mail _____



Buy a unique Christmas Gift!!!!

The Pictorial History of Carp Lake is available for purchase at the very affordable price of \$15. Stock up with Christmas and birthday presents plus one for yourself.

After selling out the third printing of the photo album, many requests were received to order another reprint of the very popular album of memories of the Carp Lake area. Your PLA board voted to accommodate requests by ordering 100 more books. The books as well as PLA logo hats and T-shirts will be available on line at the www.paradiselakeassociation.org website under the "Store" tab. If you need the book shipped add charges of \$2.69 for Media Mail or \$5.60 for Priority Mail. Editor note: If you know Hubert Hayes, he could give you many historical points about this book as well as others probably!!

Get a Valuable Piece of the Past.



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