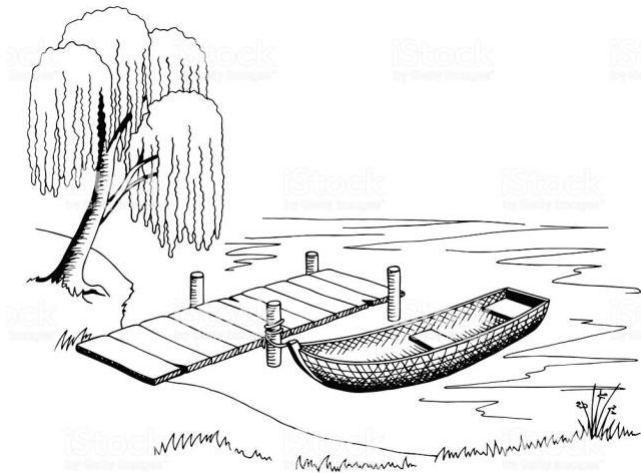


Welcome to Summer 2020



ELDA Newsletter

Dear Elk Lake Community Members,

As we look forward to another warm summer spent around the lake with our families, Elk Lake Development Association (ELDA) acknowledges that this year will be different. We are currently learning how to be patient and flexible during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are asking that you observe the rules and regulations set by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf and PA Department of Health. For reference we recommend visiting the website www.health.pa.gov for the most up to date information on rules and regulations regarding COVID-19.

Inside this newsletter we have posted dates for annual events. Please note that these subject to change based on the Governor's orders and COVID-19 impact. We appreciate you doing your part to keep this special community safe.

Be well, and we look forward to seeing you on the lake!

Elk Lake Development Association

ELDA Board of Directors Meeting/Highlights/April 26, 2020

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Reif reports that our 2020 checkbook balance is \$7,473.50. The ELDA budget for 2020 is \$32,725. Dues remain the same at \$195 plus \$10 boat fee. The 2020 joining fee is \$296.41. The Association's savings including \$30,000 for the same escrow total is \$195,935.34.

Dam Report

Fred Stanton reports repairs to the dam were required in the fall of 2019, the total cost was \$4,200. The dam will continue to be inspected yearly. Elk Lake's Emergency Action Plan for our dam is on file at the PA Department of Environmental Protection. ELDA does have the state required \$30,000 in escrow should any dam event occur.

Aquatic Report

Dave Stanton reports Summer's lake water analysis was favorable. The contract for the water analysis for 2020 is for \$30,000 and this was approved by the board.

Fish Committee

Jack Mulka reports approximately 1,000 walleye, ranging from 5-8 inches, were stocked in late October. Thank you Helen and Ken Swan for allowing the Fish Committee to use their ramp for the stocking, along with Bob Keen and John Parker for assisting.

Based on the recommendation of *Aquatic Environment Consultants*, the firm that conducted the Fish Population Survey last September, walleye were stocked because "increasing the walleye population would help with the management of the alewife population... Yellow perch are slightly overcrowded and would benefit from increased predation. Walleye are a good predator that works well with yellow perch."

Compared to similar lakes in Pennsylvania, the fish population in Elk Lake is in good condition.

Largemouth bass are slightly heavier; chain pickerel are well-distributed in a variety of sizes; and perch and sunfish are reproducing well. "Walleye numbers are lower than is desirable to keep alewife in balance. Recent stocking of rainbow trout appears to be worthwhile and can continue if angling interest continues."

"Water quality is good for fish production and other recreational activities."

Lake Rights

Millie McCarthy reports that currently 148 owners possess 159 active lake right certificates, and there are 10 inactive lake rights.

Township Report

Ken Swan reports that there have been no issues related to Elk Lake at township meetings recently. Reminder: both the Browndale and Waymart Fire Companies serve Elk Lake and its residents. The board encourages members to support of both of these departments.

Nominating Report

John Parker informed the board that long time Treasurer Bill Reif will be stepping down in August. Pat Walker has been nominated to fill this role. Please remember that ELDA members vote on officers and board members at the August General Membership Meeting.

Recreation

The PA Fish & Boat Commission has announced to reduce unnecessary travel and social contact amid health concerns, anglers and boaters may display their fishing license, launch permit or boat registration digitally on a phone or other mobile device as proof of possession. This change will allow customers who are either uncomfortable or unable to visit a store to purchase a fishing license, launch permit or boat registration renewal to make the purchase online through the Outdoor Shop <https://www.pa.wildlifelicenses.com/start.php>

EVENTS

All events are pending COVID-19 state and federal guidelines for maintain the health and safety of our members.

General Membership Meetings

The Pavilion

- Saturday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, August 15 at 10:00 a.m.

George Stanton Memorial Golf Tournament

RSVP to Wayne Thompson at 570-955-9760

- **Location:** Memorial Links Golf Course, Waymart
- Saturday, July 18th at 8:30 a.m.

Field Day

The Pavilion

RSVP to Sarah Dethlefsen Sierra at 917-916-4273

- Saturday, July 25 at 1:00 p.m.

Covered Dish

The Pavilion

RSVP to Iconn14@yahoo.com

- Saturday, July 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Reporting Hydrilla and Testing Weeds

As reported in the Summer 2019 newsletter, the Wayne Conservation District came to Elk Lake on August 15, 2019 and took samples of a weed from two locations on Sensentine shore. Thankfully it was confirmed that the weed was not hydrilla. However, we still need to remain vigilant about keeping hydrilla from entering Elk Lake. As a reminder, Lake Alden has been dealing with a serious hydrilla problem for a few years and Harvey's Lake is also fighting this invasive weed. Treatments applied to Lake Alden in 2019 were effective in reducing the amount of hydrilla, but they are looking at a yearly expense of ~\$20,000 for the foreseeable future just to keep hydrilla from getting worse – eliminating it completely is virtually impossible. If you use any watercraft on another body of water and then plan on bringing it to Elk Lake, it is imperative that you clean your craft thoroughly and let it dry completely before putting it back in Elk Lake. This includes all powerboats, fishing boats, wave runners, kayaks, canoes, etc. This little bit of effort and minor inconvenience is well worth it when the alternative is the potential of this invasive weed overtaking our beautiful lake.

Everyone is also reminded that if you see a weed that you are concerned about, the recommendation is that people do not pull the weed out because that just might increase the spread of the weed. We would rather have a professional come to the lake and take a sample for identification. Please contact any board member so that we can coordinate requests through the Wayne Conservation District.

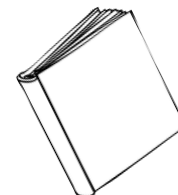
ELK LAKE BOOK UPDATE

Information, photos etc. are still being collected.

You may contact Diane Warden

Phone: 215-479-0544

Email: Ladydi712@yahoo.com



Fishing Tournament

RSVP to Rob Howell at 570-684-7580

- Sunday, August 2, 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*
(*no wake until 11:00 a.m. on tourney day)

Registration:

- \$1 children (up to 12 years of age)
- \$2 Adults (ages 13 and over)

Adults:

- Largest Bass (large or small mouth)
- Largest Pickerel
- Largest "other" fish

Children:

- Largest Bass (large or small)
- Largest Perch
- Largest Panfish
- Smallest Fish

ELDA Board of Directors

Officers

George Firmstone, *President*
 Dave Stanton, *Vice President*
 Bill Reif, *Treasurer*
 Millie McCarthy, *Corresponding Secretary*
 Kathleen Emanuelson, *Recording Secretary*

Board Members

Chris Mann
 Jim Sartori
 Paul Szwayka

Committees

Aquatic – Dave Stanton
Boating & Safety – Mike Matzko
Clinton Township Representative – Ken Swan
Dam – Fred Stanton
Fish – Jack Mulka
Nominating – John Parker
Field Day – Sarah Dethlefsen Sierra
Fishing Tournament – Rob Howell
George Stanton Memorial Golf Tournament – Wayne Thompson

ELDA Sends Our Deepest Sympathies to The Families of...



- **Linda “Addison” Boyer**, *August 25, 2019*
- **Anita “Babe” Roche**, *September 24, 2019*
- **Louis Serafin**, *October 14, 2019*
- **George Jones**, *October 21, 2019*
- **Janis Tully Wallis**, *January 25, 2020*