



PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT

Protection and Rehabilitation District

Newsletter



From the Chairman's Desk...

So far, it has been a very busy summer for our Lake District. Let me start out by thanking everyone who turned out for the Spring Meeting where we discussed the ongoing Pickerel/Crane Lake Management Plan and the importance of all lake users and the role they will play in the plan. We also discussed the next steps that need to be taken to complete the Management Plan which would include a kick-off meeting. We asked everyone to please try to attend that meeting and to spread the word about this important step.

On June 13, 2009 your Lake District and Tim Hoyman from Onterra held that meeting, and I would like to commend the 100 folks that took the time to attend. As chairman of this District, "You did me proud again." Your dedication, loyalty, and concern for these two lakes never fail to amaze me. In this day and age, it is good to know that there are still good people who will find the time and the energy to help their lake community steer through tough times. Mr. Hoyman commented that the number of people attending this kick-off meeting was

one of the largest groups he has ever seen. Congratulations to everyone. Not only did we have a fabulous turnout but many volunteered to become members of the Lake Planning Committee. As I look at the list of volunteers, I see the older folks who have loved and enjoyed the lakes for years, and then I see the younger members who represent the future of the lakes. It's great to know that this Management Plan will include the wisdom of both generations. A big thanks from your Board of Commissioners.

At the request of WDNR, Kevin Gauthier, the Lake District commissioners held a meeting on June 23rd. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the 2009 Aquatic Plant Harvesting program on Pickerel Lake. Discussion was centered on the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and the possibility of spreading the EWM through the use of the harvester. Our weed boss, Mr. Jim Huss, again explained the harvester program. It was concluded that the harvester would be operated

for the permitted use with no changes.

Finally, the Board of Commissioners approved the rental of one port-a-potty for \$115 per month. Included in this price, will be the cleaning and pumping every two weeks. This port-a-potty is now positioned at the North Side Pickerel Lake Boat Landing and will remain for the remainder of the boating season; it will be removed after Labor Day, 2009. The commissioners also decided that the rental would be on a trial basis this summer and depending on public comment, it will either be placed again next spring or discontinued. Again, thanks for your time.

Sincerely,

Chuck Sleeter



Some Good News

This June, the Onterra Group did a Curley-leaf Pondweed survey on both Pickerel and Crane Lake. The good news is that they did not find any of these plants. This is good news because Curley-leaf Pondweed is also an invasive aquatic plant. This plant was accidentally introduced when Common Carp was stocked in North America. At this point, we only have to work on the EWM problem.

Electronic Newsletter?

At the fall meeting we will consider offering future newsletters via email. If there is sufficient interest, it may be possible to offer the newsletters by regular US mail or through the Internet. We are hoping that this would be a way to fight rising costs. Email me at lafreston@yahoo.com if you are interested. **Make sure you mention Pickerel/Crane Lake Newsletter in the Subject line.**

What is a Planning Committee?

At the kick-off meeting volunteers were asked to join a planning committee. This group will be a cross-section of lake users from both lakes. It is important that the Lake Management Plan include the opinions of the Lake District as a whole. This committee will gather for two informal meetings with staff from Onterra to discuss the findings of all of the studies going on. This committee will be your voice to Onterra so that they understand the various ways the lake is used and what you would like to see for the future of the lake. We should have a list of the committee members ready by the fall meeting. We still could use another volunteer from Crane Lake. If you are interested in joining this exciting group please call Lauren Freston right away at 715-484-2910.



Fish Stocking Update

Mr. Mike Vogelsand, WDNR Fisheries specialist for Forest County, has reported that on June 2nd, 11,935 walleyes (2 - 2 ½ in.) were stocked in Crane Lake. He understands that the survival rate is not very good on this size of fingerlings but advised that the high cost of the 6 - 8 in. fingerlings would not allow the WDNR to stock them every year and certainly not in both lakes. The WDNR suggested the Lake District possibly purchasing their own 6 - 8 inch fingerlings and have them placed in the two lakes. The price is approximately \$1 - \$2 each. This may be something we could explore, but only if the WDNR also continues to stock each year.

The Basics of the Pickerel & Crane Lakes Management Planning Project

In the Spring Newsletter, the letter from the Chairman's Desk reported that the Pickerel/Crane Lake District had applied for a WDNR grant that would help finance a comprehensive Lake Management Plan. We are pleased to have been awarded the grant. We have hired Onterra, LLC to help us walk through the process of creating a plan that will help to document both the positive and negative attributes of the lakes. This Lake Management Plan will formulate steps to maximize the positive elements of the lakes and to help minimize the problems uncovered. As a Lake District, we will learn what realistic expectations we can have for our lakes and dispel any myths that may arise. Onterra has already been on our lakes studying water quality, identifying possible invasive species, and gathering information on data for watershed modeling. This study is very comprehensive and will cover everything from analyzing the chemistry of our water to fisheries data integration.

As a Lake District community, we all will play a part in making this Management Plan work for everyone. We need and desire your input. One thing that you have already done is turned in the Stakeholder Survey. These surveys will be analyzed to help guide the formulation of a plan that will best serve everyone. A Planning Committee is being put together to be the voice of the people who use the lake. (See article above.) There will be other volunteer activities that you will be asked to help in. Stay tuned for more information. As you can imagine, this planning project is an intensive undertaking, but it is imperative for us to understand the condition of our lakes so as to ensure that the steps we take today will help preserve the lakes for future generations to love and enjoy as much as we do.

**Notice of Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R
District Fall Meeting**

September 5, 2009 – 9:30 a.m.
Ainsworth Town Hall
(Corner of T & TT, Pearson)

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Reading of the Spring Meeting Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Committee Reports
 - a) Weed Harvesting
 - b) Invasive Aquatic Plants
 - c) Aeration
 - d) Lake District Docks
 - e) Port-a-potties
 - f) Fish Stocking
 - g) Proposed Nashville Community Complex
5. Budget Hearing/Adoption of Tax Levy
6. Election of 3 Commissioner
7. Comments from the floor
8. Adjourn

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010

Notice is given that the Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District will conduct a hearing on the proposed budget for 2010 and adopt a tax levy at the annual meeting September 5, 2009.

Expenditures	2009 Budget	2010 Proposed Budget
Printing	300	300
Postage	1,000	1,000
Adm. Supplies	200	200
Meetings/Mileage/ Telephone	500	500
Office Rent	780	780
Dues	120	120
Insurance	2,500	2,500
Septic Inspections	12,500	0
Lake Monitoring	500	500
Boat Landings	1,000	1,000
Aeration	2,500	2,500
Weed Harvesting	8,500	7,800
Capital Purchases	5,000	0
Inv. Aq. Plant Cont.	10,000	8,500
Lake Man Plan	0	35,000
Misc.	500	500
Total	45,900.00	61,200.00

Revenues	2009 Budget	2010 Proposed Budget
Lake Man. Plan Grant	0.00	9,000.00
Lake Man. Plan Res.	0.00	15,000.00
Septic Insp. Reserve	7,500.00	0.00
Inv. Aq. Plant Cont. Reserve	10,000.00	8,500.00
Interest	500.00	750.00
Boat Landing Donations	100.00	150.00
Proposed Tax Levy *	27,800.00	27,800.00
Total	45,900.00	61,200.00

2009 Approved Tax Levy \$27,800

Percentage of Change: 0%

**A detailed copy of the budget
may be obtained from the
Treasurer, Peg Hollman at
715-484-7800**

Pickerel/Crane Lake District Commissioners & Representatives

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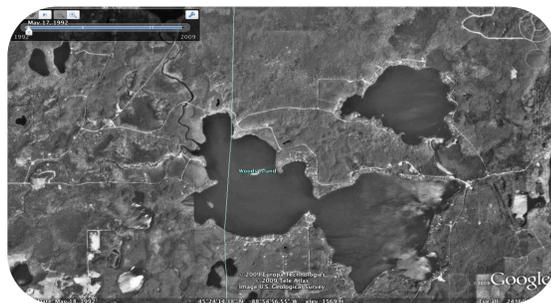
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Pickerel/Crane Lake

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