

SPRING NEWSLETTER, 3 JUNE 2013

DUCK LAKE PENINSULAR SHORES ASSOCIATION (DLPSA)

P. O. Box 344, Grawn, Michigan 49637

Visit the DLPSA website at <http://webpages.charter.net/dlpsa/>

We encourage every resident to have an active voice in our Association. Please address questions, comments, concerns or ideas to any of the DLPSA Board members.

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DLPSA Board Members for 2012-13

Here is the latest contact information for all your current Board members:

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* The Board members serve two-year terms. The three members marked with the asterisk have terms ending this year immediately after the election at the 2013 Annual Meeting. We welcome any candidate who is an active DLPSA member of good character. Additionally, we would be most grateful for a candidate with skill in writing, bookkeeping or legal matters. If you, or anyone you know, is willing to join the Board, please notify any Board member right

now, and then come to our Annual Meeting on September 8!

2013 Events

The following events occur "rain or shine". Contact a Board member if you need more information.

- **Peninsula Garage Sale: Saturday, June 8 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM.** DLPSA provides newspaper ads (on June 7-8), an announcement sign at the culvert crossing, and direction signs from the main roads. Participation is by your choice on your own property.
- **Key Change Day: Saturday, June 22 from 10 AM to Noon.** Come to the corner of Peninsular Shores and East Shore drives to be among the first get your new Peninsula Key(s). Bring your dues payment if you haven't already mailed it in.
- **Second Key Issuance Event: Saturday, July 20 from 10 AM to Noon.** Held again at the corner of Peninsular Shores and East Shore drives. Pick up your new Peninsula Key(s). Bring your dues payment if you waited till now.
- **Annual Picnic: Saturday, July 20 from 3 to 10 PM at the Park.** (Please note that this is a date change.) This is a free event, but please bring a dish to share, and your own beverages. This year, we will have a live band! See below in "2013 Annual Picnic" for details.
- **Annual Meeting: Sunday, September 8 from 3 to 5 PM (2-hour limit) in the DLPSA Park Pavilion.** Three Board members will be elected at this meeting. We strongly encourage participants to support new members for the Board.

2013 Spring General Meeting

Attendees

We wish to acknowledge the following eleven DLPSA active members (other than the Board) who

participated in this year's Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 19:

Beverly Bodary, Dan Briggs, Sara Cockrell, Amy & Dale Cork, Gary & Susan Dyke, Herb Gerhard, Brian McAllister, Victor Stoeffler and John Stuart.

Boat Launch Dock Bumpers

The Board was made aware that there are insufficient side and corner bumpers (a.k.a. fenders) on the dock at the Boat Ramp. John Stuart offered to locate some non-scuffing (white) bumpers to place there. Amy Cork has volunteered the effort by one of her family members to install them.

Date Change for Annual Picnic

We approved the date change noted above in compliance with the sponsors' request that the Picnic be held regularly on the third Saturday of July each year.

Peninsula Key Change

We agreed to issue new Peninsula Keys this summer to active DLPSA members. For details on the key change procedure, see the section below entitled "**New Peninsula Keys This Year**".

Portable Toilet

We agreed to support the placement again this summer of a portable toilet near the shuffleboard court, if a reasonable price could be negotiated. Shortly after the meeting, agreement was reached on price of \$119 / month, so we will continue our practice of providing this facility during the time from the Spring General Meeting (mid-May) through the Fall annual Meeting (mid-September)

DLPSA Finances

[By Charlotte Knoll. Details for these items are available with the 5-19-13 Meeting Minutes on the DLPSA website.]

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2012/13 Treasurer's report was approved as follows:

Cash balance at start (6/1/12):	\$ 655.40
Total income:	\$ 13610.08
Total expenditures:	\$ 12167.39
Cash balance at 4/19/13:	\$ 2098.09

DLPSA Fund Balances:

Long Term Improvements:	\$ 8,000.00
Park Improvement Fund:	\$ 955.00

Income: Reflects dues payments on 163 parcels for the current year, and 45 prior-year payments.

Expenditures: The latest expenditure was \$610.47 for the new Peninsula entrance sign.

Reminder: There is a reduced annual dues rate of \$35 for undeveloped parcels effective 6/1/13. We have some information on this from the Green Lake Township, but it is up to each resident to confirm this information to the Treasurer by address and lot #.

Suggestions from active members for how to apply the Park Improvement Fund are encouraged, and should be sent to any Board member.

Peninsula Improvements

Completed Project

We're sure that you have noticed by now that we have replaced the sign for the Peninsula Entrance just after the aqueduct. The sign itself is 52" wide by 36" high, and is placed closer to the road to improve visibility. We have provided space below the sign for bulletins and our traditional seasonal art. And, above the sign is a "**PLEASE DRIVE 25**" reminder that is difficult to miss!



Above: Four DLPSA members cheerfully at work on a yucky day (May 21) to dig 4 ½ foot holes through three feet of ground water to support the posts of our new sign. From the left, the crew was Paul Grunberger, Dan Bodary, Oral Carper and Duane Lueck

It was through the generous efforts of our volunteers that the new sign has been placed. We must acknowledge the design efforts of Duane Lueck and Paul Grunberger; the sign construction and site planning by Duane Lueck; and the contribution of tools and elbow-grease by the entire four-member sign team. Finally, we appreciate the cooperation of Jim Mitchell, who has generously allowed DLPSA to place the sign at the edge of his property.

This is but one of many examples of the pleasure of serving your community on the DLPSA Board.

Planned Projects

We are continuing with plans to install new fencing at (a) DLPSA Park horseshoe pits, (b) Road-end parks, and (c) corner of Peninsular Shores Drive with East Shore Drive. This work is being headed up by Duane Lueck.

Possible Future Projects

Request for Proposals

We are looking for ideas on how to apply the donated funds that we have set aside for DLPSA Park Improvements. We are especially interested in ideas you are willing to sponsor. (See the Policy for Projects below). As you consider ideas, please keep in mind that (1) ordinary maintenance does not qualify as an improvement, but (2) any improvement could add to ordinary maintenance expenses that would continue indefinitely. If you have a project idea, please notify a Board member, or bring it up at our next open meeting.

Policy for Projects

The Board has received very little support from residents for proposed improvements to the Park. Therefore, we now have a policy that proposed projects will require an active DLPSA member to demonstrate a community interest and chair an improvement committee.

2013 Annual Picnic - with a Band

This year's Annual Picnic will be held for the pleasure of all Peninsula residents on Saturday, July 20, nominally from 3 to 10 PM. Meat and utensils will be provided by your sponsors, but please do bring a side dish to share. (Hint to servers: the deviled eggs disappear fast!)

New this year, your sponsors will have a live band to entertain us after eating, nominally from 6 to 10 PM, but the timing will be flexible. Your entertainers will be the **Back Woods Band** featuring country, blues, rock and easy listening.

As in the past, this is a privately sponsored event, not affiliated with the DLPSA, for the enjoyment of all Peninsula residents. Your sponsors are all Peninsula residents as well: Tom Fabitz (Landscape Management), Scott Hocking (Just Trucks), and Jeff Beaton.

Reminder - Dues & Key Policy

Our official policy on payment of dues and issuance of Peninsula Keys was described comprehensively in the Fall 2012 Newsletter. We urge you to become familiar with it. If you don't have that Newsletter, it is available on the DLPSA website:

http://webpages.charter.net/dlpsa/dlpsa_newsletters.htm

New Peninsula Keys This Year

To prevent mis-use of the keys, the DLPSA has maintained a policy to change the locks and re-issue keys periodically (every two or three years), generally in the early summer, to active members.

This year, we will change the locks and issue new keys to active members in a special key-change event conducted live by the Board on Saturday, June 22 from 10 am to noon at the corner of Peninsular Shores Drive and East Shore Drive. (There will be no use for the old keys; they may be discarded.)

This year, we ask that you pay the enclosed bill before June 22 to maintain your active membership. If you pay by mail, please mail by Friday, June 14 to ensure that your payment is properly credited prior to the June 22 key-change event.

If you miss the above payment deadline, payments will be accepted at the Saturday key-change event.

For those who miss the June 22 key-change event, there will be second key-issuance event on Saturday, July 20 (day of the Annual Picnic) from 10 am to noon.

If you will miss all of the above, you may contact the Treasurer to make payment in person or pick up a key, but we will not have the new keys until June 22.

The Peninsula Key is required for each of the following DLPSA facilities:

William P. Happ Boat Ramp
Bulletin Board at the Boat Ramp access
Tennis Court
Park Pavilion equipment closet

Update: Trash Collection

Since 2010, *American Waste* (AW) has been the preferred provider of trash pickup for the Peninsula and we are pleased to report considerable progress

toward reducing the number of different trucks coming onto the Peninsula. We know of only a few residents now who are using a different collection service.

AW, a locally-owned and environmentally friendly company, has been providing Thursday pickups are only \$12/month, and details of other terms are listed on the DLPSA website. They currently handle the pickups with two trucks, one for recyclables (early in the day), and another for general trash in the large container (later in the day).

Our ultimate goal is to have all Peninsula pickups handled by one general trash truck, once a week. We understand that the AW trash processing facility does have the ability to separate recyclables from general trash. It has not been entirely clear from our discussions why one-truck pickup is not yet done. Speculation has been that there is insufficient capacity in a single truck, or a capacity limitation at the facility. Or, there may be another explanation that has not been shared with us. In any case, AW assures us that one-truck pickup "is coming".

If you are one of the few still using another provider and would like to try AW, your contact is the Account Manager, Mr. Patrick (Pat) Cline, whom you may call at 231-624-1550 (cell phone direct), or 231-943-8088 (office).

Peninsula History Search

Your DLPSA Historian is still looking to fill some holes in our historical record, such as these:

- DLPSA Newsletters (a.k.a. *The Islander* or *The Island Informer*), 1966-2003
- Meeting minutes, 1996-2003
- Treasurer's Reports, 1996-2003
- Fliers (such as picnic notices), any year
- Local Newspaper articles about the Peninsula, any year

Please look in your cardboard boxes and files for old Peninsula Documents. Some of you have been around for awhile, and we just know that you have stashed some of this stuff away! As soon as you find something, please contact the Board Historian (see Directors, above) with the news!

Newsletter Bulletin Board

We now have two actual physical Community Bulletin Boards available for your use (one at the Boat Launch entrance, and another at the Peninsula Entrance sign), but the space below is still available for your announcements (major events or milestone dates of birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) or for any

comments that you want to see in the next edition of the Newsletter. Please send your items to a Board member.

Shuffleboard Events at the DLPSA Park

From John Stuart: "I am offering to organize a group of people who may be interested in learning the basics of shuffleboard competition; as well as those of you who may already have the knowledge of how to play the game.

"I will sweep and re-wax the 2 courts at our DLPSA park, wax the discs, and prepare to have fun with all who are interested. We have enough cues, discs, and scoreboards available for all to use. Ongoing participation will require some volunteer effort by those who choose to play.

"I will host the four weeks of June at the courts on Monday and Tuesday of each week, weather permitting, from 10:00 am to noon,.

"I expect that once you experience the fun of 'shuffling', you will choose to continue the sport for many years!

"Let's get together and have some fun! Please contact me with questions or comments at 941-400-6480 or mybaddhog@aol.com"

Website Guru Wanted

From the Board: Your DLPSA is starting to run out of website space. Sue Carlson has been doing a great job squeezing things in for awhile, but now we will need some room to grow. Therefore, we seek a bright young person (perhaps an HTML student) who would like to help us obtain and set up a new spacious website. Please contact any Board member if you can help us out!

DLPSA Property Damage Update

We are pleased to report that aside from minor incidents of graffiti, no vandalism has been noticed since Fall. The Board appreciates your continued watchfulness. If you happen to see (or know of) anyone who is doing something potentially destructive, please contact any Board member with the information, so that one of us can have a conversation with an interested parent.

We have additionally been informed that there have been some incidences of breakage in the recreation equipment (such as a broken swing chain or a missing tether ball). The Board acknowledges responsibility for equipment maintenance, and asks that you inform a Board member as soon as you notice something like this.

New Peninsula Residents

[Do you know anyone who has recently moved here? If so, please notify a Board member so we can welcome them and list their names.]

We are aware of five new residents since publication of the Fall 2012 Newsletter:

Andra Liepa, Jerome Bessler & Astra Liepa
3897 East Shore Drive
Full-time residents since Septemeber 2012
From Indianapolis, IN

John & Kristin Haque
7934 North Shore Court
Full-time residents since November 2012
From Walled Lake, MI

Gary & Susan Dyke
4068 Peninsular Shores Drive
Full-time residents since November 2012
From Traverse City

Mike & Diane Brown
4354 Central Park Drive
Weekend residents until summer 2014
From Sturgis, MI

Craig M. Swatt
3896 White Birch Drive
Owner since August 2012

In Memory

We offer our condolences to the families and friends of the following current or former Peninsula residents who have passed away recently:

Barbara June Hattan
4020 Central Park Drive
January 25, 1939 - March 3, 2013

Michael Upton
4189 East Shore Drive
Died December 13, 2012

Philip A. Brand, 67
(Husband of Camille Brand)
7980 North Shore Court
Died December 23, 2012

Update: Active DLPSA Member Roster

Last year, we established the practice of listing our roster of active DLPSA members in the Spring Newsletter. However, this year will be an exception because we are within a few weeks of a Peninsula Key change event. Usually, we receive a large number of payments in these weeks, so it is of little value to report individual status now.

Instead, we will plan to report our roster of active members (that is, those paid through May 2014) in the Fall 2013 Newsletter.

For your general information, we assess dues on all 272 "buildable" Peninsula parcels. Of those, we have 165 parcels for which dues are paid up through May 2013. This is a 61% participation rate, which compares favorably with recent yerars, and keeps us just within the comfort zone for budgeting needed expenses at the current dues rate.

e-Newsletters Give You Advantages

We encourage you to request your Newsletters and annual dues invoices via e-mail. This gives you faster delivery and high-resolution color for photos, plus early notice on meeting agendas and special events.

To date, 95 Peninsula property owners (out of 253) have signed up for e-mail service. If you want your name added, please contact the Treasurer with your e-mail address.

By the way, if you are concerned about junk e-mail, please note that the Board does not share your e-mail address with anyone.

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