



## Duck Lake Peninsular Shores Association Spring 2006 Newsletter

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Welcome to springtime! The warmth of the sun, the waves on the lake, and getting out to enjoy the wonder of nature.



### A Note from Our President

To the Residents of Duck Lake Peninsula:

Many thanks to those residents who have volunteered to bring about the changes to Schworm Park. The board has been working on many projects to spruce up the peninsula. Some of you may have noticed that there have been many changes.

We are still in need of three things: First, we need volunteers to complete several projects, as well as help with upcoming projects. Secondly, we need comments from residents about the improvements that have been made. Finally, suggestions on things you would like the board to consider.

This newsletter is going to all residents, whether you are currently paying dues, or not. The board is interested in learning about your concerns, pros and cons, regarding the direction for the future. We are having a special meeting on **May 20<sup>th</sup>** to inform you of the board's goals for the upcoming year.

The board has heard many comments that we are not communicating enough about what is happening on the peninsula, hopefully you will find the time to join us at this meeting and voice your concerns. I personally would like to meet with you to discuss them.

Accompanying this newsletter is a list of projects for the upcoming year.  
See you at the meeting!

**Duane Lueck**  
President DLPSA



### Important Dates

**May 20 (Saturday)**- DLPSA General Membership Meeting at the park pavilion in Schworm Park.\*

**May 20 (Saturday)**- Green Lake Township Clean-Up Day

**May 31 (Tuesday)**- Last day of the DLPSA's current fiscal year. See "Membership Notice" for more information.

**June 3 (Saturday)**- Peninsula Garage Sale: The Board will be posting signs and placing an ad in the Record Eagle.

**August 5 (or September 9) (Saturday)**- DLPSA annual meeting at the park pavilion in Schworm Park.\*

\*See separate articles for more information



### Schworm Pavilion

Have you noticed that the park pavilion has a new roof? Our thanks to UBC for donating roofing materials that made this project a success. Play equipment and other facilities being updated this spring to make the park area more enjoyable for all. See "FAQ's" for information about reserving the pavilion for events.



### Just a Reminder

Our friends at the DNR would like to remind our residents and their guests that any bass caught before Memorial Day weekend must be released, or they will be fined. The DNR also reminds us that they will be monitoring

the canal during this time, as it is the fishes' spawning season.

### Signs of the Seasons



What a pleasant holiday greeting we all received driving on to the peninsula this past December. Kudos go out to Eric and Lucinda Geiser of 3654 Peninsular Shores, who decorated the huge evergreen at the end of their driveway with hundreds of lights. It was, like all of our neighbors' holiday displays, beautiful and we hope it will become a holiday tradition.



Our official peninsula birders, Steve Bates and Stephany Podolan have been busy checking on the loons, as well as other waterfowl and birds in our area. If you are interested in finding out more about our loon population, visit the DLPSA website and follow the link to Steve's extensive diary about the nesting loons on Duck Lake. If birding interests you, contact Stephany for information about joining her on one of her local expeditions.



The Commodores of the "Duck Lake Yacht Club," Brian and Valerie Himick of 3704 Peninsular Shores, are already flying their blue and white flag with the "DLYC" logo, in addition to their American flag. Several other homes also display the US flag most of the year. It would be nice to see many other peninsula residents fly the Stars and Stripes during each of the summer's upcoming holidays: **Memorial Day**, Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>; **Flag Day**, Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>; **Independence Day**, Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>; and **Labor Day**, Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Summary of Board Minutes

#### September 20th Meeting

Board Officers present: Pres. Duane Lueck, V.P. Rod Ross, Sec. Sara

Cockrell, Treas. Scott Hackney, Directors. Jan Bachman, and Scott Hocking. Dir. Camille Brand was absent.

Secretary's minutes of Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Organizational Meeting were approved as is.

Treasurer's report (see below) was given and approved.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance	\$10,801.73
Income from dues	495.00
Expenses	(110.00)
Balance on hand (9/20/05)	\$11,186.73

Discussion of projects (see list) and their potential costs. It was decided to classify projects by whether they could be done by volunteers or bidded out.

#### November 7th Meeting

Board Officers present: Pres. Duane Lueck, V.P. Rod Ross, Sec. Sara Cockrell, Treas. Scott Hackney, Directors Camille Brand and Jan Bachman. Dir. Scott Hocking was absent.

Secretary's minutes of Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting were approved as is.

Treasurer's report (see below) was given and approved.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Balance on hand (9/20/05)	\$11,606.73
Income	225.00
Expenses	(1,924.18)
Ending balance (11/7/05)	\$9,907.55

Public participation: Dan Bodary attended the meeting to discuss the boats which dock at Access #4. Discussion was that the DLPSA's purpose is the beautification and upkeep of neighborhood amenities, and that the matter should be turned over to the appropriate government entity.

Garbage collection by one company was discussed. No resident would have to use this particular service, but this

service would come with a reduced rate for assorted services (bags, carts, etc.)

### January 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

Board Officers present: Pres. Duane Lueck, V.P. Rod Ross, Sec. Sara Cockrell, Treas. Scott Hackney, and Directors Camille Brand, Jan Bachman and Scott Hocking.

Secretary's minutes of November meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Treasurer's report (see below) was given and approved.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance	\$9,907.55
Income from dues	0.00
Expenses:	(1479.85)
Balance on hand (1/2/06)	\$8,427.70

No public participation was requested.

The Maintenance Committee is seeking bids for tree removal at the south end of the tennis courts in the park. Also, the inside of the pavilion should be painted, and playground structures will be discussed with Kelly Steinbach.

Old Business discussed: A "Lock after use" sign has been ordered for the boat launch, as well as a sign to replace the Access #4 "No docking" sign.

New Business discussed: It was discussed that a another meeting be held in addition to the annual meeting in an effort to keep communication open between the board and the residents we represent.

### March 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Board Officers present: Pres. Duane Lueck, V.P. Rod Ross, Sec. Sara Cockrell, Treas. Scott Hackney, Directors. Camille Brand, Jan Bachman, and Scott Hocking.

#### Treasurer's report:

Beginning Balance (1/2/06)	\$8,427.70
Income	60.00
Expenses	(0.00)

Balance on Hand (3/6/05) \$8,487.70

No public participation was requested.

The board discussed the Green Lake-Betsie River Association. This is a *separate body from the DLPSA*, our homeowners group of peninsula residents, which is mainly concerned with maintenance of the accesses and park. The Duck Lake Association represents all residents on or near Duck Lake and is mainly focused on lake quality and environmental issues. As Green Lake, Duck Lake, and the Betsie River are all part of the same watershed, and because there is strength in numbers, the various associations have agreed to work together to help in tracking and solving environmental concerns. If you would like to receive the Green Lake-Duck Lake newsletter, please send your annual dues of \$7.50 to Green Lake-Betsie River Association, PO Box 23, Interlochen, MI 49643.



#### Water Quality

According to the "1993 & 2005 Water Quality Studies," Duck Lake has once again been awarded "A" status. For more information on this study, look for the link on the DLPSA website.



*How do I obtain a key to the boat launch and tennis court?*

Keys are available to DLPSA members for \$5. Keys are sold for \$65 to peninsula residents who have not paid yearly dues. To obtain a key, contact Scott Hackney at the DLPSA PO Box in writing. Be sure to enclose your check. *How do I reserve the Park Pavilion at Schworm Park?*

Reservations for use of the pavilion can be obtained by contacting Camille Brand, Hospitality Chairperson, at 276-

9868. Please remember to clean up the area and remove all trash after using the pavilion.

*Who do I call if I need to report something to the authorities?*

Marine Sheriff: 995-5006

Animal Control: 995-6080

Grand Traverse County Sheriff  
Information: 922-4500

Non-emergency: 922-4550

Emergency: 911

DNR-fishing: 800-292-7800

DNR-burning permits: 922-5328

### **Membership Notice**

Dues will soon be collected for the association's new fiscal year. May 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day of the current fiscal year. Dues are \$60 dollars. A replacement fee of \$5 is charged for a key to the Happ Boat Launch and the tennis court in Schworm Park. Keys to new members have the same fee. Please use the attached form when sending your dues payment.



### **Board Positions to be filled**

At the DLPSA's annual meeting there will be elections for a minimum of 4 board members whose terms are ending. This means opportunities for four new members to serve. Any active (dues paying) member interested in serving on the board is encouraged to fill out and return the enclosed form with your dues payment.

### **DLPSA General Meeting Agenda**

#### **Items**

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, sign-in at the pavilion in Schworm Park will begin at 9:30am and the meeting will commence at 10:00am.

Treasurer's report: Scott Hackney

Vote to change by-laws: Changing of the annual meeting date from the current

first Saturday in August, to the second Saturday in September.

Discussion of projects: See attached list. Some bids have been taken for painting (\$750), tennis court power washing (\$350), and removal of trees (\$1200-1500). A new play station has been purchased (\$1982), and construction will begin soon.

Cherryland Electric is considering a bid for running power and lights to the pavilion.

At this meeting, you will be able to: pay dues, purchase keys, volunteer for projects, and offer input.

### **DLPSA Annual Meeting Agenda**

#### **Items**

August 5<sup>th</sup> (or September 9<sup>th</sup>)-(Saturday)  
Sign-in at the pavilion in Schworm Park will begin at 9:30am and the meeting will commence at 10:00am.

Treasurer's report: Scott Hackney  
Approval of annual budget

Election of Officers: See "Board positions to be filled"

Discussion of projects: See attached list.



### **Welcome to our new addition!**

The DLPSA board wishes to welcome the addition of "Editor's Corner" to the newsletter.



### **Editor's Corner**

### **Roderick Ross**

Isn't it a wonderful thing to get out in the neighborhood, and enjoy the fresh air? It has been so nice to see more and more activity on "the loop" of our peninsula. Of course, this means residents, as well as our guests, have to remember our responsibility to "Drive 25." Young children on bicycles and pets are not always as cautious as they should be, and neither are drivers, who may have other things on their minds.

As a community, we have to look out for others, whether they are of the two, or four-footed variety. Also, remember to acknowledge the presence of others. A nod, a smile, a wave, or some kind words can make a neighbor's day.

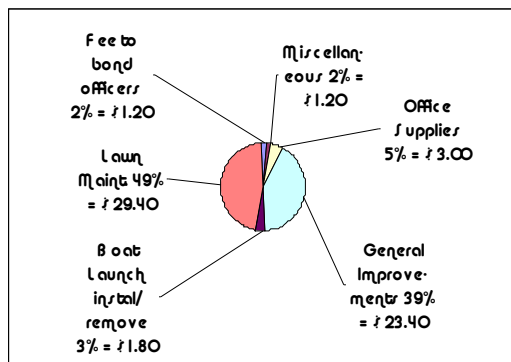
Now, enough of that "soap box," let's all get out there and enjoy the great outdoors!

### **Why join the DLPSA?**

The Duck Lake Peninsula Shores Association is a neighborhood association primarily concerned with keeping the common areas (access parks) looking nice and in good repair. These costs are covered by membership dues paid each year by residents of the peninsula. Areas the DLPSA tries to keep looking beautiful include: Schworm Park, Happ Boat Launch, as well as the other access parks located at road ends around the peninsula.

The chart below will give you an idea of how dues have been spent (year to date).

**Your Dues Dollars at Work**



### **DLPSA Officers for 2005-2006**

Pres. Duane Lueck  
(term ends Aug '06)  
V.P. Rod Ross  
(term ends Aug '06)  
Treas. Scott Hackney  
(term ends Aug '07)  
Sec. Sara Cockrell  
(term ends Aug '06)

### **DLPSA Board of Directors**

Camille Brand  
(term ends Aug '07)  
Jan Bachman  
(term ends Aug '07)  
Scott Hocking  
(term ends Aug '06)

## **2006 DLPSA Projects**

### **Volunteer Work:**

- Acc #3 Trim brush, repair and replace fence section
- Acc #4 Replace posts at road
- Boat Paint chain posts
- Ramp
- Park Trim brush on paths to park
- Park Install new playstation
- Park Remove debris-cement, culvert, well slab, posts, etc.
- Park new baseball backstop
- Park plant shrubs
- Park paint tennis backboard
- Park build/varnish 5 new picnic tables
- Park paint interior of pavilion-includes rafters
- Park clean horseshoe pits
- Park replace boundary boards at shuffle board courts
- Park store all picnic tables in the pavilion (yearly)
- Park refinish 5 picnic tables (yearly)
- Park remove & install volleyball & tennis court nets (yearly)

### **Work to have bidded:**

- Acc #1, 4 Remove stumps (\$340.00) & Canal
- Canal Need black fill dirt to level ruts
- Park stump removal
- Park remove trees next to tennis courts
- Park remove and replace volleyball court sand
- Park add sand to playstation (\$1200.00 – 1500.00 est.)
- Park new shuffle board equipment
- Park build outdoor barbecue pit
- Park paint interior of pavilion roof (\$750.00)
- Park black dirt in several areas
- Park power wash tennis courts (\$350.00)
- Park power to pavilion (\$600.00)
- Park entrance panel/ lighting & outlets (\$1705.00)