



Duck Lake Peninsular Shores Association Fall 2005 Newsletter

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The summer weather has been great, but autumn is just around the corner. In fact, we are getting a taste of it right now.



Important Dates

September 10 and 17 (Saturday)- Schworm Park Beautification Days: Work bees for park beautification have been planned to start at 9 a.m. Come meet your neighbors, bring your tools and make improvements to Schworm Park. Estimated costs for these projects are over \$6000, but could be greatly reduced if we have a good volunteer turn-outs with help, and/or donations of materials and equipment. For more information, contact Duane Lueck 276-6676, or Scott Hocking 276-7131

Saturday, June 3- Annual DLPSA Garage Sale. The date in May seemed to come upon us very quickly. This way, everyone has ample time to prepare for this community event.



ANNUAL MEETING HELD

Saturday, August 6th, the DLPSA held its annual general membership meeting at the Schworm Park Pavilion.

Summary of Minutes

Board Officers present: Pres. Duane Lueck, V.P. Rod Ross, Sec. Sara Cockrell, Treas. Scott Hackney, and Dirs. Camille Brand and Scott Hocking. In addition, 21 active members of the DLPSA attended. Director Bob Yauck was absent.

The Secretary's minutes from the DLPSA meeting 2004 were presented. These were accepted with a correction made to state that

canal property owners paid \$1,200 for weed control treatment, and that the DLPSA contributes \$500 annually.

Treasurer's Report

Balance (8/7/04)	5,070.30
Income (Dues and keys)	
9,850.43	
Expenses:	
Bonding of officers	114.82
Keys	63.60
Office supplies,	
postage and copies	449.29
State registration	20.00
Canal weed control	500.00
Lawn maintenance	2,428.75
Upkeep and signs	532.79
Total expenses	(4,109.25)
Balance on hand (8/6/05)	10,811.48

Discussion was held on the estimated expenses for upcoming maintenance projects, and that the anticipated balance for August 5, 2006 is \$6,493. The board recommended dues to remain the same (\$60/lot).

Public Participation

Discussion was held regarding water safety, and the promotion of watercraft rules. It was decided that DNR brochures will be included in the hospitality committee's "Welcome kits."

It was noted that the boat launch is often left open, and also used by "guests" and non-DLPSA residents. The question was raised regarding a way to enforce curfew hours and restrict the use of the boat launch. It was suggested that residents be responsible for their guests, and that a sign could be posted with hours and a reminder to keep the launch locked. There was also discussion about extra charges for replacing lost keys.

The final discussion item was the remnants illegal fireworks that have been found in yards. If you have concerns regarding enforcement of fireworks law please refer them to local police.



Thank You!

There are several donations deserving of acknowledgement:

Belanger's Excavating, Spectrum Paint, and Landscape Management for man-hours donated.

Sue Carlson for all her work on the website.

Bob Yauck for his 3 years on the board.

Scott Hocking and Jeff Beaton for each contributing two new picnic tables to the park pavilion.

Ann Spiels, Jan Zerbel and Camille Brand for continuing to add plants to the access areas.

Bev and Dan Bodary for helping with the watering of the plants at the accesses.

Membership Notice

Thank you to all of you who have paid your dues. Whether early, or recently, thank you!

It was discussed that of the 297 lots on the peninsula, there are really only about 264 possible memberships. This is due to residents owning multiple lots, as well as lots being consolidated into one with the township approval. As of 8/6/05, 141 residents had paid dues in full, 3 had made partial payments. There are 120 residents who have not paid membership dues.

In case you know of someone who hasn't gotten around to writing that check, and are so moved to remind them: Dues are \$60/year. 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.



Board Updates

Elections were held at the DLPSA's annual meeting earlier in August.

Active members re-elected Camille Brand and Scott Hackney. Jan Bachman was also elected to serve the DLPSA Board.

Active members also passed an amendment to the by-laws. This amendment allows three lots on the north side of Peninsula Shores Dr. to have associate memberships in the DLSPA. These are the only three lots on the peninsula that were not made a part of one of the plat maps. Passage of this amendment has granted *all* peninsula lot owners privileges of members in the DLSPA.

Welcome to our new additions!

The board wishes to welcome its new member, Jan Bachman, as well as the incumbents.

Since it is never too early to start thinking about serving on the board, the time is now to put a bug in your ear. There will be four board positions open at next year's annual meeting. Please consider serving for a term to help keep our neighborhood amenities in good order.



We also extend a warm welcome to the "new" lots added in our membership. After the passage of an amendment to our by-laws, addresses 3680, 3666, and 3654 Peninsula Shores Dr. have been included as eligible for DLPSA membership.



Water Quality Report

John Novak presented the Duck Lake water quality report. Results from July 5th samples taken showed mostly excellent ratings of E. Coli/100 ml.

<u>Location</u>	<u>E. Coli/100ml</u>
Mouth of Mason Creek	0
South of Brookside Inn	0
Mouth of Brigham Creek	2
Inlet south of Brigham Cr.	4
Horton Creek Inlet	3
State Park Beach	5
Lake Tonawanda Inlet	27
Midway along Peninsula Canal	9

Ratings of 200 are the maximum limit for safety, with 0 being excellent. The E. Coli level at the Lake Tonawanda site could have been caused by a dead animal near the location.

A distinct loss in water clarity in the Secchi Disk readings has been noticed as the summer progressed. The same has been noted in Green Lake, with the first (spring) and last (fall) readings usually being the best. One reason discussed for this could be the increased traffic on the lakes. Monitoring of water clarity will be continued.

A new invasive species, Eurasian milfoil, was discussed. Eradication of this can be performed with chemicals or beetles, and can be expensive. We need to watch for this plant, but invasion is inevitable with boats that travel from lake to lake without scrubbing down in between.

John wishes to thank:
Lew Case for his many years of service.
Steve & Lois Bates for taking the water samples this year.

The Green Lake-Betsie River
Association for covering water analysis costs and Duck Lake newsletter.



FAQ's

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

Keys are available to DLPSA members for \$5. To obtain a key, contact Scott Hackney in writing to the DLSPA
PO Box. 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. Please remember to clean up the area and remove all trash after using the pavilion.

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DLPSA Information

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Officers for 2005-2006

Pres. Duane Lueck

V.P. Rod Ross

Treas. Scott Hackney

Sec. Sara Cockrell

DLPSA Board of Directors

Hospitality Chair, Camille Brand

Community Liaison, Jan Bachman

Maintenance Chair, Scott Hocking

The board meets on the second Tuesday of alternating months: Sept, Nov, Jan, March, May, and July. Contact the board to add to the agenda, and check email, bulletin boards or the website for minutes of these meetings.

Schworm Park Beautification Days

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 10th and 17th
For more information, contact Duane Lueck or Scott Hocking

Maintenance Projects

Pavilion: replace roof

repair picnic tables

paint fascia and gable ends

ceiling and walls

picnic tables

build barbecue pit

Park: trim brush in park and paths

paint backstop posts, bike stand,
and animal rides

repair/replace play equipment

Tennis Court:

power wash

replace bench

paint back stop

Shuffle Board Courts:

replace benches

repair storage shed

power wash

replace stone

edge lawn

paint new lines

Volley Ball Court:

remove and replace sand

Other areas:

paint posts at boat launch

fill hole at access #2

replace posts at access #4

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