



## *Briggs Lake Chain Association*

**Remembering the Past – Improving the Future** ...promoting the care, improvement, and general welfare of the Briggs Lake Chain [Julia, Briggs, Rush and Big Elk] and adjoining and connecting waters.

### **Mark your calendar...**

Healthy Lakes— 6:30 - 09/06/2018

Palmer Twp Board—7 PM - 09/10/2018

BLCA Board Mtg—8:30 AM - 09/15/2018

(Please note the meeting will be on the 3rd Sat this month due to Palmer Day event)

Clear Lake Twp Board-7 PM - 09/18/2018

Board of Adjustment— 6 PM - 09/13/2018

TLID - 6 PM PalmerTownhall - 09/07/2018

There are no green sheet ads this month.



## Go Jump in the Lake!

OH I love my lily pads! They suddenly appeared two years ago in front of the family cottage on Briggs. They picked our house probably because it is used only on occasional weekends. Neighbors on both sides are seldom around to use the lake front. Our extended family favors the canoe and sail boat, although a pontoon is available for an occasional ride.

Lilies are found in the channel between Lake Julia and Briggs, and also starting up in the bayou. Hunt for more patches in our chain and observe and protect their growth. They are a sign of a healthy water system.

Lily pads expand each year. This year we got some beautiful flowers. We steer around them when launching the boats. I hear that we would be allowed to clear a path if we couldn't navigate around them. In the Lake Julia channel jet skis are carving a trail through the middle of the large lily pad patch instead of spending a few minutes to go around the path on the east shoreline. Shame on them!

Who knew that lily pads absorb algae and are very beneficial to the lake water? Google the lily pad. It is protected by Minnesota law due to its positive affect on lakes and channels.

My three plants are named Nick. Lisa and Jenny after my children in Ohio. Adopt your own plants for a better lake!

Rosalie Musachio, President BLCA

I also wish to extend a big thank you to the folks who have volunteered to be on the board! We will be sharing their names and bios in upcoming issues.

## **THREE LAKE IMPROVEMENT 2018 Annual Meeting Summary**

The Three Lake Improvement District [TLID] held its third annual meeting on Saturday August 18, 2018 at the Palmer Township Hall. All property owners of record are TLID members, and all members present are eligible to vote for approval of the 2019 budget and election of board members. 36 property owners representing 26 parcels attended the meeting, a small but interested and engaged

group. The purpose of the TLID annual meeting was to:

- Review relationship with the BLCA
- Review 2018 TLID projects
- Review financial status of the TLID
- Review projects for 2019
- Adopt the 2019 budget
- Elect two board members to three year terms

The following is a summary of the meeting. Minutes for the meeting, and all reports referenced during the meeting can be found at the TLID link at [www.briggslakechainassociation.com](http://www.briggslakechainassociation.com).

1. The relationship between the TLID and the BLCA continues to evolve. The two organizations work closely together to address the various issues facing the chain of lakes. The TLID is responsible for managing, containing

and  
preventing  
aquatic  
invasive  
species  
[AIS],  
i.e.  
curly  
leaf  
pondweed  
[CLP]  
and  
Eurasian  
water  
milfoil  
[EWM]  
on  
the  
upper  
three  
lakes,  
and  
the  
BLCA  
is  
responsible  
for  
Big  
Elk  
Lake.  
Both  
organizations  
are  
currently  
working  
together  
to  
fund  
periodic  
boat  
inspections  
on  
all  
four  
lakes.  
The

BLCA  
will  
continue  
to  
be  
responsible  
for  
maintaining  
the  
Lily  
Creek  
dam.

2. Major  
projects  
in  
2018  
were  
AIS  
management  
and  
the  
water  
stabilization  
feasibility  
study.

**AIS  
management:**

Surveys,  
herbicide  
treatments  
and  
hand  
pulling  
best  
describe  
AIS  
activities.  
The  
good  
news  
is  
that  
EWM  
is  
being  
contained

to  
Rush  
Lake,  
and  
CLP  
is  
being  
managed  
effectively  
on  
Briggs,  
Rush  
and  
Julia.  
See  
website  
for  
maps  
and  
details.

**Water  
Stabilization:**

The  
overall  
conclusion  
from  
the  
feasibility  
study  
is  
that  
there  
is  
no  
easy  
solution  
to  
water  
stabilization.  
Two  
overall  
approaches  
were  
considered:  
decreasing  
drawdown

time,  
and  
preventing  
high  
water  
events.  
Drawdown  
time  
can  
be  
decreased  
by  
keeping  
the  
carp  
barrier  
clean  
on  
the  
Lily  
Creek  
dam,  
and  
possibly  
removing  
the  
carp  
barrier  
[BLCA  
has  
not  
yet  
made  
a  
decision].  
Prevention  
includes  
finding  
or  
creating  
ways  
to  
hold  
high  
water  
before

it  
reaches  
Big  
Elk  
Lake  
and  
the  
the  
Bayou.  
The  
big  
unknown  
is  
the  
impact  
of  
the  
Bayou  
on  
water  
levels,  
water  
flow,  
and  
water  
quality.  
Anecdotaly,  
everybody  
knows  
that  
when  
there  
is  
a  
high  
water  
event  
water  
flows  
through  
the  
Bayou  
and  
into  
Briggs  
and  
then



Julia  
and  
Rush.  
What  
is  
needed,  
and  
the  
TLID  
is  
pursuing  
it,  
is  
hard  
data  
about  
the  
impact  
of  
the  
Elk  
River  
overflow  
through  
the  
Bayou.  
See  
website  
for  
full  
report  
from  
Wenck  
Engineering.

3. Going  
into  
2019,  
the  
TLID  
continues  
to  
complete  
its  
projects  
for  
AIS

and  
water  
stabilization  
while  
working  
toward  
financial  
stability.

4. Projects  
for  
2019  
include  
surveying  
and  
treating  
CLP  
and  
EWM,  
collecting  
data  
on  
water  
stabilization  
[especially  
the  
Bayou],  
boat  
access  
monitoring  
[with  
BLCA  
and  
Sherburne  
SWCD],  
and  
a  
point  
intercept  
survey  
on  
Julia.
5. The  
approved  
budget  
for  
2019

is  
\$43,700:

- 

\$38,100

AIS

related

activities.

- 

\$3100

Administration

costs

[Insurance/mailings/Training]

- 

\$2000

Equipment

Purchase

- 

500

Contingency

Fund

- 

The

per

parcel

assessment

for

2019

is

\$101.39.

6. The two 3 year board terms were filled by incumbents Paul Hans and Harry Ernzer following a

unanimous  
vote  
by  
the  
members  
present.

7. The  
2019  
TLID  
Annual  
Meeting  
is  
set  
for  
Saturday  
August  
17,  
2019  
at  
10:00  
AM  
at  
the  
Palmer  
Township  
Hall.

Report submitted by: Kenzie Phelps

## EVENT SCHEDULE

September: Palmer Day- Saturday Sept 8

Use the following link for the full schedule of events:

[View the official Palmer Day website]  
(<https://sites.google.com/site/palmerday/>)

If you would like to volunteer to help out at the fabulous BLCA food booth call  
Karen Jones @ 743-4727

## REMINDERS!

You can find a copy of our handy dandy 'Welcome' booklet on the

www.briggslakechainassociation.com website.

**->Briggs Lake Chain Association Contact Info<-**

The Lake Report is published for the benefit of BLCA members and lake residents. Please submit articles and feedback by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next issue. Email or snail mail copy to the Editor.

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Please send news about BLCA members to Adele Munsterman so that a card may be sent for such things as anniversaries, illness or a death in the family. Please email her at: [wmunst1007@aol.com](mailto:wmunst1007@aol.com)

**TOWNSHIP MEETINGS**

**Palmer Township**

The Palmer Township Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Township Hall. Let Kelly McCann know of agenda items by email at: [palmertwp@gmail.com](mailto:palmertwp@gmail.com) by noon on Tuesday before the meeting or call her at 743-2100. Our website is: [www.palmertownshipmn.org](http://www.palmertownshipmn.org)

**Clear Lake Township**

The Clear Lake Township Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall. Let the Township clerk know of agenda items by Thursday morning before the meeting. To contact Clear Lake Township, please call 320-743-2472 or email the Township Clerk at: clearlaketwp@hotmail.com

Our website is: [www.clearlaketownship.org](http://www.clearlaketownship.org)

***Please attend your respective Township meeting and voice your concerns about matters relating to our lakes.***



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