



LONG LAKE PENINSULA NEWSLETTER FALL 2015

Having a long Indian summer also makes up for some of our recent winters! What a great summer and fall here on the peninsula!! We are truly blessed living in such a beautiful setting. This is the time of year when we have spectacular fall sunsets and gorgeous colors with a bit slower pace.

The park has become a destination! Check out the Little Library- compliments of Dick Grote. It is on the side of the pavilion and was instantly full of books. Jim Bottoms and his team keep the property looking good. Watch those curves in the winter- our fence has taken a few hits! The playground is quite an attraction- thanks to Jennifer Abel, Susan Dameron and the playground team for completing the project. The generous support of the membership in cash, labor and bottle and can donations mean that we can now climb, swing, twirl, play disc golf or rest in the shade. Our playground consultants completed the modification on the climbing tube and we are cleaning up some of the brush for the winter. How lucky we are to have a great community that supports our common space and appreciates our need to play!

We are thankful that the August storm only caused limited damage on the peninsula. Thanks to those who helped clean up the roads, park and boat launch and stayed away from those downed lines and trees. Please be mindful of the health of your trees on your property and also brush along the road edges. We are going to continue to bring a chipper in twice a year to promote a cleaner and safer forest floor and shoulders. It is each member's responsibility to maintain their property along our roads-clean up after washouts when we have heavy rains please. Sand and gravel damage our roads.

American Waste is now the only weekly trash hauler on the peninsula and our new construction fees and rules have been implemented all year by Devin Hill the Building and Site Chair. There is a noticeable difference in braking noise and construction traffic. Kurt Schroeder watches those edges- please replace cones if they are moved. He has done a great job with the sealers- fixing cracks and potholes to extend the life of our roads. Our plow contractor will be Waterfront Equipment Services again this winter. Call Kurt or Jennifer Abel if you have plowing questions and they will pass those along. Hopefully El Nino means a warmer winter with a bit less snow.

Juleen Jenkins-Whall, our secretary is quite a busy board member but we eased her load with 3rd party and electronic voting. Hundreds of dollars were saved as well as labor and trees! She does a great job keeping our minutes and watching the elections. Help her keep track of the membership and get updates on all things LLPA by registering your email address at: <http://tinyurl.com/LLPAemail>

Gabridge and Associates is counting our ballots- both paper and electronic. They have also worked hard with us this year on eliminating delinquencies. The delinquency rate is now the lowest it has been in a long time. It is important for members to pay their dues on time. Timely payments show respect for other members and make budgeting and billing easier. Be sure to call Jim McCall, our treasurer, with concerns or questions about your dues.

Speaking of money- we have tapped the financial expertise of 4 members and formed an Investment Committee for the LLPA. This group will be advising the board as we build up our reserves for the eventual repaving. Chuck Armour, Mark Walkowiak, Blair Anderson and David Handke are working with our treasurer to guide us in maximizing our returns in the safest possible investments.

As I look back through past meeting minutes, the same topics continue to surface. When members actions are based on respect for their neighbors and the community as well as maintaining a safe environment for all- these problems take care of themselves They are: *driving the speed limit *leashing and picking up after pets *cleaning up property- trash, excess trailers, junk, brush *taking care of dead/fallen trees and brush *noise *delinquent dues Thank all of you for taking personal responsibility to make the peninsula a safe, healthy and fun place to live.

Watch the website for announcements, meeting notices, the calendar, and information on voting, by-laws, permits, parking, boat launch keys and so much more. Nancy Zylstra is our webmaster and she can post information pretty quickly to keep us all informed. It is a great resource to keep up with events and news on the peninsula.

This fall I feel blessed and thankful. I hope you do too.

Respectfully,
Therese Waters
LLPA President