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Dear PLPOA Members,

November 1, 2018

We had a late start to spring this year. First we had a lack of water, then we had too much water, but we had a nice summer, once it started!

While we were enjoying the lake, the Association welcomed two new Board members: Jim Frymark (Weaver Road) and Jeff Griffey (South Shore Road), increasing the number of Board members to eleven. We all share tasks while pulling together as a unit. Here are some of our most-recent reports:

Fireworks: In August a letter/ballot was mailed to all our current members, asking them to vote on the future of fireworks at our annual Summerfest Picnic. Of the 292 letters mailed, 127 were returned, a 43% response: 14 votes (11%) to continue having fireworks; 18 votes (14%) to continue having fireworks until an alternative can be found; 46 votes (36%) to discontinue fireworks and pursue an alternative; 49 votes (39%) to discontinue the fireworks, without pursuing alternatives. In total, it was a 75% vote to discontinue the fireworks, thus the PLPOA Board of Directors decided to discontinue them at future events. If you have further suggestions to make our picnic a welcoming event, please send them in and/or attend our Summerfest Planning Meeting at 9 a.m. (Schoepke Town Hall) on **June 8, 2019**.

AIS/EWM: Onterra's original plan to monitor and treat the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) found in our lake has allowed us to apply for grants that have made our management a success thus far. No hand-pulling of the EWM was needed in 2017; no hand-pulling was needed in 2018. While not completely eradicated, EWM is currently under control and will be monitored, as recommended by Onterra.

Zebra Mussels: With the cooperation of several of our members, 15 traps were set out to test for Zebra Mussels in our lake. After a full summer of monitoring, no evidence of Zebra Mussels was found. We are delighted to share this news with you!

Clean Boats Clean Waters: Thanks to our lake monitors, we had another successful summer of monitoring our landings, checking boats, and educating boaters about the danger of accidentally introducing aquatic invasive species (Eurasian Water Milfoil, Zebra Mussels, Spiny Water Fleas, etc.) into our lake. This year, from April through September, working weekends only, our crew of five monitors put in **1,299 ½ hours**, checking **2,965 boats** and speaking with **5,968 people** at the boat landings on our lake.

PLPOA Facebook Page: The PLPOA now has a Facebook page! If you follow us on Facebook, you can see current updates on issues regarding Pelican Lake and the Pelican Lake Property Owners' Association. You can also see seasonal photos and notes. Never an ad, just news about our lake. To follow us on Facebook: Go to Facebook, and, (1.) type "pelicanlakepoa" in the top bar, then, (2.) click on the "Follow" or the "Like" button. Future posts about Pelican Lake will then appear in the newsfeed on your Facebook page and will keep you up-to-date on the lake.

PLPOA Archive: In an effort to be more progressive and up-to-date, we are in the process of creating a PLPOA Archive to add to our PLPOA website. The Archive will contain all the Agendas, Minutes, Five-Year Plans, Board decisions, etc., from 2013 to the present, making this information available to all interested parties.

Important Dates: Mark these dates on your calendar: **June 29, 2019**, Annual Meeting; **July 27, 2019**, Summerfest Picnic.

Lake-Protection Raffle 2019: Included herewith are *three raffle tickets* for our annual fundraiser. The drawing will take place at our Summerfest Picnic, July 27, 2019, at 8 p.m. You need not be present to win. This raffle generates funds that enable us to continue to protect the health of Pelican Lake. We hope you will participate in the raffle.

Looking forward to the coming year,

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