

**Upper Long Lake Dues  
2013  
Due by May 15, 2013**

Oakway Beach - includes Uplong, Acorn Court and Oakway streets.

**\$145.00**

Middlebelt Beach – includes Middlebelt and Square Lake Roads

**\$105.00**

Please pay dues one of the following Association Board or Outlot B Committee Members:

Jay Lim – 2811 Middlebelt – 248-935-7185

Chris Bonde – 2289 Oakway Drive – 248-335-5253

Monica Gapczynski – 2485 Uplong – 248-335-9679

Matt Wigent – 2901 Middlebelt Road – 248- 701-5912

Once dues are paid, residents will receive a new key for the new lock at the boat launch. Thank you for your support.

**Upper Long Lake Woods Civic Association  
General Membership Meeting  
April 9, 2013**

Gary Fiscus called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

**Fracking Report from Jim Whalen**

Fracking is slick water hydraulic fracturing. Shale is drilled into and blasted with water to fracture rock to push out natural gas and oil. Slick water is pumped out and must be disposed of via truck and pumped into deep injection wells. Drilling can go horizontal for miles. There is conflicting information about the risks of fracking. Private wells may be affected. Long term affects are unclear. Concerns are that large amounts of water are taken out of our aquifer, , additional trucking, contaminates and chemical spills. West Bloomfield has a moratorium on fracking – probably temporary. Recently the State of Michigan has been selling mineral rights for public land, some as little for \$12/acre. Parcels have been sold in Oakland County, Union Lake boat launch is one example. Our lake contains 1174 acre- feet of water which converts to 380 million gallons. 13 large fracking operations could take the entire amount of our lake water. Fracking is exempt from the Federal Clean Water Act because of what is called the Halliburton loophole. There are been several meetings in the state and township addressing this topic. Write representatives if you have concerns. Carol Cousineau is doing mailings on this subject. If you are interested in being part of her mailing. Carol's e-mail address is Cjcousineau@aol.com

How far from the well are you safe. Don't really know but Jim Whalen estimates 20-30 miles.

**Lake Management Report from Jim Whalen**

Official Lake Management Committee is a set of volunteers that report up to Lake Management Board. Basically the Lake Board has run out of money. Wier improvements were \$64,000 in 2008. Each year, harvesting has gone up along with phragmites control cost increases (23 sites around the lake have phragmites growth that needs to be addressed before they take over the cattails and other native plant life). Expenses for 2012 year were approximately \$79,500 harvesting, \$3,000 chemical, \$12,300 fragmite control, \$7,600 legal fees to review the Outlot harvesting agreements.

Fees for Lake Board SAD have been the same for 12 years. Total costs for 2013 are estimated at \$113,995. Contingency fund should be 10-15%.. Harvesting bids are done in a 3-5 year cycle 2014 is the next bidding year.

Proposal is for \$130,000 for 2013, Therefore, SAD fee rates were proposed to be \$640 for on water and \$160 for off-water. 2012 was \$389 and \$97 for off water. Our understanding is that a Township Lake Board will hold a meeting to discuss the SAD fee increase before it would be implemented.

Phragmites control – Can resident's do it? Residents will not be fined but if not done correctly, you can spread the seeds and you must pull out the roots – sometimes they are 6 foot into the beds. It is very difficult task.

First harvest is scheduled for week before Memorial Day.

Eric Gleisner participates in the Lake Management Committee meetings and is also the harvester. Included in the budget was \$1000 for an independent consultant to review the bids. Lake Management Committee – Steve George, Chris Bonde and Jim Whalen regularly attend but Mar. Sclawy and Toma Mattia have also attended.

Weir is set at 36". Lake will be down a little bit this year. If chemicals are used, weeds die and go to bottom of lake, so more weeds grow and water clarity is diminished. With weed harvesting, clarity is excellent. Last year secchi disk readings reached 14 feet. Our lake is one of the best managed lakes. 30 years ago the lake was terrible – very weedy. Now is it well managed.

### **Old Business**

2012 minutes are available on Upperlonglake.com.

### **Financials**

- ❖ Connie presented 2013 Financials.
- ❖ \$7700 total funds. \$5,000 belongs to Outlot B; \$852 Oakway Beach and \$1700 Middlebelt Beach.
- ❖ Outlot B owns the ramp and as the funds are being saved, will be used for repair for the boat launch. Harvesters pay per launch – last year was \$1500 incoming
- ❖ IRS Filings – cost of CPA and late fee filing for 2010 and 2011. This resulted in filing fees by outlot: \$600 Oakway, \$516 Middlebelt; \$84 Outlot B
- ❖ Connie filed 2012 without help of CPA as a cost savings.
- ❖ Motion for dues to be increased to \$145 for Oakway, \$105 for Middlebelt to cover additional costs of assessments. Motion seconded and passed.
- ❖ Boat launch keys are available once dues are paid.

### **Committee Reports / Social Welfare**

- ❖ Beach Clean Up – Saturday, May 11 with rain date on Saturday, May 18.
- ❖ Beach Party – Saturday, August 10.
- ❖ Lydia Gacki passed away; house has been listed for sale - \$465,000
- ❖ Holubs house was just sold – listed for \$359,900
- ❖ Dorothy Boettcher is now in assisted living.
- ❖ **Madu and Ossa, Venu building home on Uplong.** Should be in home end of May.
- ❖ Jay and Chris Lim - new residents at 2811 Middlebelt
- ❖ **Matt and wife Wigent** – new residents at 2901 Middlebelt

### **Election of Officers**

The offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are one year terms. All committee members are two years. The below nominations were proposed, seconded and passed.

President:	Matt Wigent
Vice President:	Chris Bonde
Secretary:	Monica Gapczynski
Treasurer:	Jay Lim
Lake Management:	Jim Whalen
Beach Committee:	Steve George
Housing:	Terry O'Flynn
Public Welfare:	Gregg Leshman
Social Welfare:	Gregg Leshman

### **New Business**

Gregg Leshman asked for pot hole repair through Oakland County.

**Julie Foster mentioned law suit going to supreme court & I thought she said it was ruled that lake board did not have authority to create a special assessment w/o 2/3 majority...not sure tho..make double check with Chris Bonde..if that us true I don't know what it means to the subdivision or the folks who sued in terms of their assessment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.