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District of Powers Lake NEWSLETTER

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2023 Annual Meeting:

Water Treatment / Aquatic Invasive Species {AIS}:

Eurasian Water Milfoil is down to 2.75 acres. The invasives will never be eradicated but we have come a long way from the 79 plus acres we once had. We have gone from large beds to specific spots. We have 17 species of healthy plant life. Our severe drought led to the low water levels allowing more sunlight to penetrate deeper. We will continue with this successful initiative to control the invasives. The post treatment survey will once again be done this fall to create a map to indicate success and areas that will need treatment next year.

Mark Halvey volunteers to perform our weekly e coli testing and then results are posted on westofthei.com for the Knolls Beach. No warnings or closures this year so far.

Lake Levels:

A graph from 2013 – 2023 was handed out. We have had readings with the logger for 10 years and visual readings before that. The logger is Wi-Fi enabled and the graph is compiled as shown on the charts distributed.

The continued drought conditions means we need to be smarter boaters. A “Best Practice” during low water conditions is to trim your motor up on your outboard or I/O in the shallow bays especially.

Wakeboard and Surf boats are discouraged from going into Jefferson Bay and other shallow areas of the lake.

Wake Surfing

The popularity of wake surfing continues to grow, many residents have shared their concerns that this activity and the current boat pattern are not in synch, resulting in surf boats operating in shallower water and churning up the lake bottom, which puts the water quality and fragile lake ecosystem at risk.

As a temporary solution in an effort to preserve the water quality and for the health and safety of the lake and its' users, the DPL worked in conjunction with the Town of Randall to develop a new Surf pattern for Powers Lake.

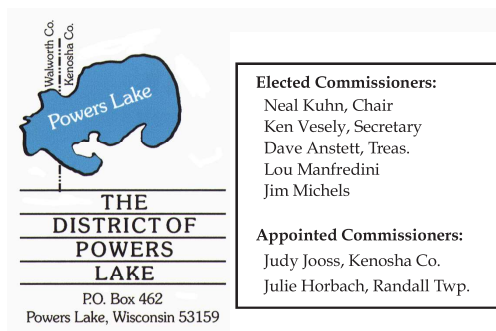
Surf boats need the deeper water to create a rideable wake and avoid churn on the bottom of the lake. This is a national issue. The goal is not to take things away from people.

At the Randall Town Meeting on July 27th, the Randall Town Board and Water Patrol approved the following Surf Pattern for Powers Lake as a temporary solution in an effort to keep the surf traffic in the deeper water.

The DPL worked with the TOR to post new signage at both boat ramps along with some handouts for the Water Patrol, the Town, and the DPL to distribute in an effort to educate all users of the lake.

This is a major a step in the right direction to protect & preserve Powers Lake for future generations.

Please inform ALL members of your family, guests, and renters if applicable of this change.



The Water Patrol has agreed to “encourage” all surfers to follow the new pattern. The DPL website was updated with information in this regard.

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Thanks in advance for adhering to these changes and please continue to be conscientious, courteous boaters!

Many thanks to the new Randall Town Chairperson, Paula Soderman, the Randall Town Board, our new Water Patrol Chief, Dave Ferger, and Linda Brand, Ordinance Enforcer for their support and collaboration.

Water Patrol

Our water patrol officers are police with other jobs; they work many shifts which vary. Twin Lakes and others in the area have had NO water patrol this year. The Town is not required to have a water patrol so we are fortunate to have what we have now. For violations, you can call: Kenosha County Sheriff's Department
Non Emergency 262-605-5100
Emergency 911

Amend the By Laws

The DPL needed to change current by laws to agree with the new state law which allows more than 1 vote for a parcel if a letter is presented indicating who may vote.

Electors showed their ballots if in favor of the change and the amendment passed unanimously. The updated By Laws Amendment is posted on the website.

2024 DPL Budget and Tax Levy:

The 2024 Budget will be the first of 10 budgets which will include the \$10,000 per year mortgage on the new wetland purchase.

Money was allotted to update signage at the launches for \$1,000. Image Management updating and safe senders list was discussed also with regard to the new budget.

- \$ 44,057.00 Operating Budget Tax Levy
- \$ 10,000 for Capital Budget Tax Levy
- \$ 54,057.00 for the 2024 Total Tax Levy

Set 2024 Annual Meeting Date: the next annual meeting was scheduled for Friday, August 2, 2024 at 7 p.m

Election of candidates for commissioner:

Jim Michels was nominated for commissioner. Jeff Pearl was also interesting in running. Jim and Jeff each gave a presentation. Votes were handed in to be counted. Jim Michels was elected as Commissioner. Jeff was thanked for his participation.

Website Signup

If you have not already done so, please visit our website and sign up for notifications of lake events such as E. coli advisory/closure at the Knolls Beach or Slow No Wake www.districtofpowerslake.com



Quarterly Meeting

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the Randall Town Hall, 35430 Bassett Road, Bassett, WI. This meeting and others are open to the public.

DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

Within the scope of the powers vested in it under Chapter 33 and in furtherance of the Public Trust Doctrine of Wisconsin, the mission of the District of Powers Lake is:

To support, protect, preserve and enhance the native ecosystem of the watershed, shoreline, and waters of Powers Lake as a natural resource for generations to come;
To be responsive to the interests and concerns of the district residents and the public; and

To proactively advocate when faced with potential damage to Powers Lake's environmental values, wildlife, natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and/or recreational value.