

TWIN LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

P. O. Box 620, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

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ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 30, 2007

The annual meeting is scheduled for June 30th 2007 at the Twin Low Camp on lower Twin Lake at 10 AM. Sign in and new member sign up starts at 9 AM. Twin Low Camp is located at 22759 N. Twin Low Rd. Twin Low Rd is located one block west of Highway 41 between Par three Rd and Twin lakes Rd.

SPEAKERS

Mike McDowell , Kootenai County Tax Assessor, will speak on the tax system and present a slide show on Assessment and his agency's role in tax appraisal. He will take questions after the presentation. Plan on attending to hear this important information and perhaps asking pointed questions.

FALL WOODS TOUR

No woods tour is planned for this fall due to changes in the IEP Company's management structure.

FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADE!!!!

The parade starts at the upper end of the upper lake at 11AM. Last year 85 boats were involved. The weather was great last year and hopefully it will be so again this year. The new fire boat will be in the parade. Thanks to the Northern Lakes Fire District.

INLAND EMPIRE PAPER COMPANY

The IEP access program allowing use of IEP lands surrounding our lakes has been revised. The yearly access cost has increased for an individual to 40 dollars. The daily (one day) access pass is increased to 10 dollars per person. The family pass which covers an individual and

his/her spouse and minor children, is increased to 65 dollars yearly.

MINUTES OF 2006 ANNUAL TLIA MEETING

President Gregg Durkee called the meeting to order at 10:10a.m. He introduced the speakers. The business meeting was held after the speaker's progress

SPEAKERS

Mike Porcelli, Kootenai District Traffic Engineer: Mr. Porcelli spoke about safety issues in regard to Highway 41 at Rice Road. The new elementary school will be built on Rice road. There will be a right and left turn lane on Highway 41, however, there will be no pedestrian crossing as the children will be bused to and from the school. One member asked about reducing the speed limit to 45 MPH. At this time, the speed limit will not be reduced, but there is an ongoing safety audit pertaining to the lowering of the speed limit. Mr. Porcelli said the Dept. of Transportation has received many letters of concern and that they are being reviewed. There are checks made to determine the rate of speed driven. The speed limit may be lowered or may be raised by determining the speed of 85% of the drivers studied. He said that studies show if a speed limit is too low, there is likely to be more accidents than of it is left at the higher speed. After the talk, there was a question and answer period.

Eric Eldenberg, Sewell Engineering: Mr. Eldenberg spoke to the membership about the advantages and disadvantages of eliminating septic tanks and upgrading to a central sewer system for the Twin Lakes area. Some of the advantages: environmental, and growth. Some of the disadvantages: change of quality of life, and growth. He felt that in order to keep the

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lake from becoming more polluted that a central sewer system is necessary. He threw out a couple of possibilities one being connecting to Rathdrum/Post Falls system and a treatment plant and storage ponds with land application on Inland Paper property. We must keep in mind that the Department of Environmental Quality is extremely protective of the aquifer. In order to consider a central system the Sewer District would have to be reactivated. Engineering studies would have to be done and financing would come through an LID (local improvement district). There was much discussion with opinions on both sides of the issue.

Glen Rothrock of DEQ made a few comments in regard to the plant life in the lake. So far, it is native to the lake and that growth is promoted by septic wastewater, fertilizing of lawns, cattle and logging. There is no Eurasian Milfoil. He said that quality of the lake is declining.

Don Ellis spoke about Flood Control and the Water District. The Flood Control District controls the water levels above 6 feet 4 inches and the Water District's Water Master below that level. At this time there is no one to take snow tell measurements for our area. The Flood Control is going to finance the building of a site that will take the measurements automatically. The Federal Soil Conservation Agency will maintain the site at no cost to the residents, as they want the data provided. Cost of building the site is about \$24,000 and the maintenance fee is about \$2,400 annually.

REPORTS

Minutes of the June 18, 2005 annual meeting were read and approved. The Year End Financial Report was presented and

accepted. The report indicated the following: Checking, \$2,200.09; Savings, \$2,432.43; Certificate of Deposit, \$6,500.00 with a balance on hand of \$11,133.39. Fiscal Year 2005/2006 had earnings of \$1,074.00.

Maimie Moore is retiring from the TLIA Board and will not run for re-election. Maimie has been on the Board for many years and will be missed.

OLD BUSINESS

Gregg mentioned the channel-dredging project. It is still on hold. As last year, the plan is complete and permits may be issued; however, money is the problem. A member stated that it is important that we follow up on our wish to have the channel dredged. The Association needs to push for the funding

NEW BUSINESS

The Twin Lakes flotilla will be held on Tuesday, July 4. Decorate your boats and meet on the lower lake, TLV at 11:00a.m. to join the fun. The parade will pass by the populated sides of both lakes. Terry Thompson informed the membership that the new fireboat has arrived and hopefully, will be in the parade.

Nominations for board members were as follows: Incumbents, Jerry Weller, lower lake;

& Dolores La Liberte, upper lake.

Nominations from the floor were Karen Eldenberg, Marita Little, upper lake and Marty Frantz, lower lake. A motion was made to accept the nominations and accepted.

Fall Woods Tour: The tour will be held Saturday, September 9, at 8a.m. Bring a lunch and meet at the old schoolhouse on

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Upper Twin. There is a \$5.00 deposit required to save yourself a seat on the van. If you show up, the \$5.00 will be refunded. No-shows forfeit their deposit. A sign in sheet was presented at the registration desk. In addition, checks may be made out to Twin Lakes Improvement Assoc., and sent to Gregg Durkee, 4112 South Hogan, Spokane, WA 99203. There is a twenty-five-person maximum.

Angie Murray conducted a drawing for door prizes. Names were drawn at the end of the meeting. Thank you to all who donated. They are as follows: The Lightning Bar, Carol Hoekstra, The Trading Post at Twin Lakes Village, and Bunkers Restaurant at the Twin Lake Golf Course.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m.

--End of 2006 meeting minutes--

YOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION

What still costs only 5 dollars? Your membership in the Twin Lakes Improvement Association Still costs only 5 dollars! Please continue your paid membership so the Association can continue working for the good and improvement of our valuable asset, clean and usable lakes.

THANKS TO OUR PRINTERS

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