



## **E-Newsletter April 2016**

This E-Newsletter will provide updates on events, projects and issues important to PLPOA Members.

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## **Sailing on Pelican Lake**



## Greetings From The President

Dear PLPOA Members,

Isn't this a great scene? Sailing is a zero environmental impact activity. What a good thing to teach our children.

The daffodils are opening in our yard, the tulip leaves are tall, the peony buds are up, the woodchuck is sunning in the drive, the robins migrated through the area last week and a few docks are already in around the lake. Early Spring at the lake is such a treat!

I am happy to announce that we have new volunteers for the following PLPOA positions:

Secretary: Patti Cosgriff

Event Planner: Karen Hart

Awards: Helen Friend

Nominating Committee Chair: Julie Friederichs

The Scambler Township Board approved the conditional use permit for another 150 RV sites on the current Rolling Hills Golf Course. Add the new 150 to the current 185 sites at the west end of the lake and we have 335 RV rental sites. How do you feel about that? Do you live in Scambler Township? Did you vote for the folks on the Scambler board? Get involved.

We have lots of other news to discuss with you at the Annual Member's Spring Social on May 20.

See you there, [Sherry, PLPOA Pres](#)

## 2016 Calendar

<b>05/14/16</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b>
<b>05/20/16</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting (Fair Hills Pavilion)</b>
<b>05/20/16</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Members Social</b>
<b>05/20/16</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Spring Membership Meeting (Fair Hills Pavilion)</b>
<b>06/04/16</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Majors and Captains Meeting (Fair Hills-Blue/Green Room)</b>
<b>06/08/16</b>		<b>Clean-Up Day</b>
<b>06/18/16</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>
		<b>Sailing School Sessions</b>

		<b>June 27-30 (Mon-Thu), July 5-8 (Tue-Fri) 9:00am to 11:30am</b> <b>July 5-8 (Tue-Fri), July 11-14 (Mon-Thu) 1:00pm to 3:30pm</b> <b>July 11-14 (Mon-Thu), July 18-21(Mon-Thu) 9:00am to 11:30am</b> <a href="#">Jeff Peltier</a>
07/04/16		4th of July Parade and Fireworks
07/23/16	8:30 am	Board of Directors Meeting
07/23/16	9:30 am	Member Breakfast
07/23/16	10:00 am	Member Annual Meeting
08/19/16	5:30 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Social
08/19/16	6:30 pm	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
09/03/16		Executive Committee Meeting

## ICE-OUT CONTEST

We have a winner!! The official day chosen by our team of dedicated judges was April 1. There were 115 entries with only 3 containing the correct day. One was me (yeah, really! I will disqualify myself). Another entry was disqualified because it was recorded March 30, after the deadline of March 15. The remaining entry is the winner. It will be announced at the May 20, PLPOA Membership Social.

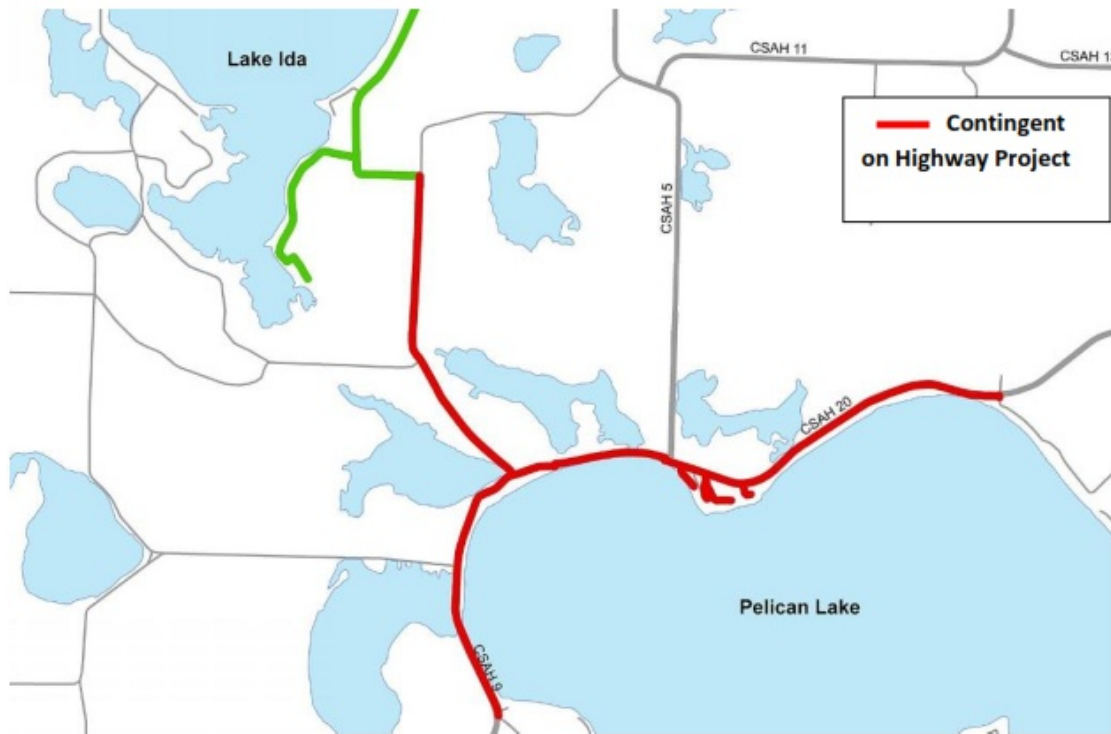
[John Kruse](#)

## NATURAL GAS INSTALLATION

Natural gas was installed on the north and east sides of Pelican Lake in 2015. Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) is accepting appointments now and will be installing service lines as early as May.

We are expanding our territory! On the map below, GMG is proposing to bring natural gas to the west and north sides of Pelican Lake in 2016. The project is dependent on Ottertail County moving forward with the reconstruction of County Road 9. We believe that by installing the main and services in conjunction with the highway project that we can save costs and disturbance to property. We are currently working with the County and have been told the project is on track for an August 2016 start. We are signing up property owners along the route with the main expected to be installed in August with services installed in September and October.

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. Natural Gas Proposed Project 2016  
Contingent on Ottertail 9 Reconstruction Completion



Last year several residents had to wait for an HVAC vendor due to the expansion. We recommend that you contact your HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) and other vendors early to get a price quote on conversions or replacement equipment. Remember to take advantage of our rebates.

Call us toll-free today at (888) 931-3411 to setup an appointment to meet with our design technician for a no-obligation appointment. Visit our [WEBSITE](http://www.greatermngas.com) at [www.greatermngas.com](http://www.greatermngas.com) or send us an [EMAIL](mailto:gmg@greatermngas.com) with your interest to [gmg@greatermngas.com](mailto:gmg@greatermngas.com)

## **CLEAN-UP DAY 2016**

Clean-up Day for 2016 is June 8. It is a benefit for paid PLPOA members only.

What will they pick up? No change from last year. Reminder- they will pick up batteries and propane tanks.

What they WILL NOT pick up:

Garbage

TV's/Electronics

Brush  
Tires  
Construction materials  
Wood/lumber  
Paint  
Hazardous materials  
Appliances

Please call Ballard Sanitation 218-863-1386 for questions about the PLPOA Clean-Up Day or for special requests you may have.

[Bert McDonough](#)

## **COUNTY 9 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - REVISED**

Despite good cooperation from the affected landowners, Assistant County Engineer, Charles Grotte, has announced that construction of revised Ottertail County Road 9 will not begin until August, 2016. This revised schedule will allow the County to finalize its redesign of County 9, solve storm water issues, obtain approvals from the United States Army Corp of Engineers and Minnesota DNR, and complete the acquisition of necessary revised right of way. The Ottertail County Board at its February 2016 meeting has authorized the use of condemnation, if necessary, for the few remaining land acquisitions.

The County Highway Department will then solicit bids for the road work, with actual construction to begin in late summer. The Lake Association has provided a listing of potential right of way issues to the County, and has discussed special issues affecting our members.

Association members who have questions about their particular property issues are urged to contact Charles Grotte, Assistant County Engineer at 218-998-8475 or [CGrotte@co.ottertail.mn.us](mailto:CGrotte@co.ottertail.mn.us).

Here are some additional items for our members to consider relating to the road work which are based upon information we have received from the County :

1. Sprinkler controls and spray heads located in the right of way areas will not be replaced by the County. You must temporarily or permanently move them before construction begins to avoid damage to them.
2. Although the Utility Companies are responsible for moving any utility lines in the right of way, the landowners are responsible for any lines that run under County 9. You must co-ordinate with the affected utilities.
3. Mail and newspaper boxes will be temporarily moved as needed by the

County or the Postal reps. However, if you have a large box that slides over a 4x4, or have decorative items attached to the posts, you should consider temporarily removing them to avoid damage.

4. Residence, Yacht Club and other similar signs that are actually located in the final designated right of way must be moved off by the owner before construction begins.

5. The County will attempt to work around any existing hilltop wooden stairs going down to the lake.

6. All culverts located under the road or right of way will be replaced or reinstalled by the County within the revised right of way lines.

7. Based upon the final plans, the County and its contractor will discuss with you the fate of all trees and shrubs that are currently planted on the revised right of way.

Your Association intends to keep its members updated on this project through the newsletters and the Association web site.

[Jim Beckstrom](#)

## **NEW OTTER TAIL COUNTY SHORELAND REGULATIONS**

Otter Tail County Shoreland Management Ordinance Revisions

There are many changes and revisions to the Otter Tail County Shoreland Management Ordinance regulations that have only recently been published. Go [HERE](#) for a link to the Otter Tail County website page.

Otter Tail County Dock Riparian Use Ordinance

The dock setback from an adjacent riparian zone was previously proposed at ten feet. The new regulation was ultimately adjusted to five feet (II Regulations, D). Go [HERE](#) to see the OTC Dock Ordinance regulation.

## **I-LIDS BEING INSTALLED ON PELICAN LAKE**

The Otter Tail AIS Task force is planning to install I-LIDS (Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor) video/audio recording and transmitting devices at both the East and West MNDR public accesses this year on Pelican Lake.

Funds have been approved, and installation will occur this spring. ILIDS devices have been used on several locations on Otter Tail lake for two years. These devices work 24/7, and record a video of a boat launch/departure, and give an audio message to the boater when the device

senses a boat present. The video is recorded and available for review to look for AIS, plugs in the boat, and other potential AIS violations.

[David Majkrzak](#)

## **Muskie Stocking:**

On Thursday, October 29th, 2015, a public meeting was held in Fergus Falls to discuss the DNR's plan to plant muskies in Otter Tail County lakes.

This plan has been in the proposal stage for more than two years. A number of Lake associations and municipalities in Otter Tail County have passed resolutions against the DNR muskie stocking plan citing impacts to fisheries, waterfowl and recreational use as well as fears of increased risk of aquatic invasive species spread.

Supporters of muskie stocking point out that muskie fishing is a growing sport, and extends the fishing season into late Fall, and so extends the resort season as well, adding revenue. Muskies are stocked at very low density, a cornerstone of the claim that they have no significant impacts on other fish populations.

In response to the organized opposition, the MN DNR made the decision to delay stocking until after the Legislative Session.

Senator Ingebritsen (SF 3059) and Rep. Anderson (HF 3207) have introduced legislation that would either block muskie stocking into the proposed lakes (HF 3207), or would end the expansion of muskie into any additional lakes or rivers (SF 3059). The House has included their muskie language in its Game and Fish bill, HF 2844 (Hackbarth). Both bills have generated significant controversy and it is unclear if either of these proposals will make it through the legislative process and arrive on Governor Dayton's desk.

What is clear is that no matter the outcome from this session, the controversy will continue. Otter Tail County lake associations are working to expand an advocacy base to oppose muskie stocking in Minnesota, and Muskie's Inc., a national proponent of muskie fishing, is ramping up its advocacy efforts as well. But most importantly, it is clear that a large segment of the population, including Legislators, has lost confidence in both MN DNR science and the public input process.

There is a need to do conclusive science on the impacts of muskie stocking. Without conclusive science that is above accusations of bias, there can be no resolution. Additionally, without a civic governance process that builds trust between all stakeholders, the legislative push and pull surrounding muskies will continue.

The TFF (Taxpayers for Family Fishing) organization has created an

automated process for concerned citizens to join an anti-muskie stocking advocacy group. If you haven't done so already, please click [HERE](#) to join.

Thank you to [Jeff Forester](#) of [MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates](#) for letting us use copy from his newsletter. Please consider support for his efforts to help Minnesota lake associations.

## **PELICAN LAKE SAILING SCHOOL**

Pelican Lake Sailing School has been preparing for the season and currently has 23 students signed up with session 1 nearly full! Cost of all sessions is \$150/ Person. Below is a list of those sessions.

1. June 27-30 (Mon-Thu), July 5-8 (Tue-Fri) 9:00am to 11:30am
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Also, with the update of equipment, we have 1 Club 420 for sale. For more information, contact Jeff Peltier.

[Jeff Peltier](#)

Sincerely,

[John Kruse](#)

PLPOA Communications Chairman