



# Beach-chair News

A/K/A Beecher News

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## A Note from the President



Please take time to attend the annual meeting and picnic, Saturday Sept 2nd, 10a.m. at the Beecher Lake Public Beach (see details inside newsletter). Our major order of business will be to discuss our weed cutting issue from 2006 and plan a path forward.

As most of you may know, our weed cutting contractor was unable to access the lakes the last week in July due to low water levels at that time. He is billing us for 75% of the contract although services have never been performed. This is an issue, and we need your input regarding potential actions. As of August 25<sup>th</sup>, we are attempting to make contact with him to understand whether there remains potential to fulfill his contract based on current water levels. Discussion of this situation and our weed cutting path forward will be the focus of the meeting. That being said, the draft budget is being kept at last year's levels.

In addition to the regular Lake Association issues, I would like to add another event to the picnic this year. I'm asking you as a neighbor to bring canned goods and other non-perishables to the annual meeting to contribute to a food pantry located in Amberg, WI. It is run by Reverend Wadsworth. The food pantry is located in Mathis Hardware old store. If you cannot attend the meeting, please drop off donations at our camp and we will deliver to the pantry. I plan to make a motion to donate \$50.00 cash this year of the Lake District funds to the pantry at the annual meeting.

My three year term as President has expired and I plan to step down as of the end of 2006. Please think about joining the board and putting your own stamp on the District. I plan on continuing to help where needed but believe it is time for someone else to take the organization to the next level of improvement.

Joe Siudzinski – President, Beecher Lake Association

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

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920-337-4913 (Home)  
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715-324-6409

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Event	Date
Annual Budget Hearing/Meeting/Picnic, Beecher Public Beach	9/2/06, 10a.m.
Spring Meeting, Beecher Town Hall	TBA

## Note from the Editor:



District Members and Neighbors,

I am always looking for news! Please feel free to provide any feedback or information for inclusion in future newsletters.

Thanks. Judy Siudzinski @  
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# 2007 BUDGET UPDATE

## BEECHER & UPPER LAKE, LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT Proposed Operating Budget Fiscal Year January, 1 2007 To December, 2007

OPERATING INCOME		
Project 2006 Year End Cash Balance	\$6,659.62	(1)
Estimated Interest Income (Credit Union)	\$25.00	
2007 Tax Levy	\$4,709.39	(2)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11394.01</b>	
EXPENDITURES		
Capitalized Costs	\$0.00	
COST OF OPERATIONS		
Aquatic Plant Control	\$4,000.00	(3)
Reserve for Aerial Spray/Insect Control	\$567.00	(4)
Picnic & Social Committee	\$0.00	(5)
Fishing & Water Quality Committee	\$500.00	
Shoreline Protection & Rehab. Committee	\$150.00	
Newsletter Committee	\$150.00	
Budget Committee	\$0.00	
Election Committee	\$0.00	
Dues & Memberships	\$100.00	(6)
Notice of Meetings	\$100.00	(7)
Legal Fees	0.00	
Insurance Premiums	\$400.00	
Miscellaneous & Contingencies	\$500.00	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,457.00</b>	
2006 PROJECTED YEAR END FUND BALANCES		
Picnic Fund Reserve	\$1,602.78	
Insert Spraying Reserve (Marinette County)	\$1,134.00	
Fish Stocking Reserve	0	
Weed Cutting Reserve	\$3,947.84	

### Foot Notes to Operating Budget:

- (1) August, 2006 cash balance, adjusted for projected expenditures to year end. This includes balance due on 2006 weed harvesting contract, towing charge, notice of meeting publication expense, etc.
- (2) The proposed Tax Levy for 2007 results in an assessment per property owner of \$69.26 and compares as follows.

2007	\$69.26
2006	\$69.26
2005	\$80.82
2004	\$80.60
2003	\$52.22
2002	\$77.07
2001	\$75.22

- (3) Actual cost of 2007 contract adjusted for fuel cost increase.
- (4) In 2005 we began reserving for aerial spraying of Gypsy moths. The spraying done in 2004 will be effective for 4-6 years. Allocating this reserve each year spreads the cost and ensures the funds are available when needed.
- (5) The fall picnic is self-sustaining, and we now have a comfortable reserve that can be used for unanticipated expenditures.
- (6) Membership in the Wisconsin Association of Lakes.
- (7) Cost of newspaper publication of notice of Meetings, a requirement of Chapter 33 of Wisconsin Statutes.

2006 Treasurer's Report			
September 2005 – September 2006			
Date	Item	Amount	Balance
9/30/05			\$ 6,347.79
10/18/05	Rita Gosse, Picnic	-\$ 80.37	\$ 6,267.42
10/31/05	Interest	+\$ 1.88	\$ 6,269.30
11/30/05	Interest	+\$ 1.80	\$ 6,271.10
12/31/05	Interest	+\$ 1.86	\$ 6,272.96
1/9/06	Vincent Group Insurance	+\$ 159.00	\$ 6,113.96
1/9/06	Interest	+\$ 1.83	\$ 6,115.79
2/24/06	Tax Assessment	+\$4,640.42	\$10,756.20
2/24/06	Interest	+\$ 1.82	\$10,758.03
3/31/06	Interest	+\$ 3.20	\$10,761.23
4/17/06	Taxes	+\$ 69.26	\$10,830.49
4/17/06	Silver Moon Springs (fish)	-\$3,000.00	\$ 7,830.49
4/17/06	Interest	+\$ 3.02	\$ 7,833.51
5/2/06	Midwest Aquatics (down pymnt)	-\$ 875.00	\$ 6,958.50
5/2/06	Interest	+\$ 2.09	\$ 6,960.60
6/30/06	Interest	+\$ 2.00	\$ 6,962.60
7/12/06	DNR Permit (weed cutting)	-\$ 270.00	\$ 6,692.60
7/12/06	Interest	+\$ 2.02	\$ 6,694.62
8/18/06	Russ's Wrecker (weed cutter)	-\$ 35.00	\$ 6,659.62

# Keep your plants from becoming deer's dinner

BY TIM MOREHOUSE  
Gannett News Service

Gardeners are often are bothered by deer in their gardens — hostas eaten to ground level, Oriental lilies deflowered, rose bushes without roses.

Master gardeners at Cornell Cooperative Extension compiled a list of plants that deer often eat. These include hollyhocks, impatiens, Mexican sunflower, crocus, daylily, hosta, cardinal flower, phlox, rhododendron, rose and tulip.

Two years ago I planted 250 tulip bulbs in the fall. By spring — just as the leaves emerged — deer ate every plant.

Deer will dine on pansy, sunflower, wood hyacinth, cranesbill geranium, English ivy, iris, peony, coneflower, sedum and meadow rue.



8-31-05: Mai Kou Vue of Green Bay caught this nice Bass on Beecher. She had never been fishing before and caught it on her first cast!

Deer also seem to be fond of the bark of young fruit trees. I have several crab and cherry trees, and in late fall I try to tape the trunks with tree tape (check your local garden center). In the spring I remove the tape and paint the trunks with a homemade "hot sauce" (a mixture of



Homemade hot sauce deters deer.

of Tabasco, vinegar, and red pepper flakes). Apparently, this application deters deer from stripping the bark in the summer. So far, my trees have survived without damage.

Plants deer dislike include achillea (yarrow), allium (including chive, ornamental onion, and garlic chive), anemone, aquilegia canadensis (columbine), artemisia, astilbe, bergenia, buddleia (butterfly bush), chrysanthemum, coreopsis, bleeding heart, helleborus, iberis (candytuft), lavandula (lavender), lupinus (lupine), lythrum (loosestrife), mentha (mint), monarda (bee balm), narcissus (daffodil), nepeta (catmint), papaver orientale (Oriental poppy), platycodon grandiflorus (balloon flower), pentstemon, primula, vinca minor (periwinkle).

Deer deterrents (for those of us who cannot afford to install wire or mesh fencing) include spreading about human hair (check with your local barber), hanging bars of Irish Spring soap from pea sticks near a beloved plant and clipping disposable sheets of scented fabric softener to plants, shrubs, fences, etc. The deer find the smells unpleasant. Replace each of these after several rains.

Needless to say, these deterrents do not improve the appearance of your garden, but for some people they discourage nibbling deer.

Article submitted by Rita Gosse

WE WERE SHOCKED!



As you may be aware last fall was our first attempt to shock Beecher Lake. The attempt was unsuccessful due to the low water levels and the use of a full size boat. The team did return and survey the lake with a smaller boom shocker. Although this is an effective method of catching fish it is not as efficient or as effective as the larger boat. The second attempt did catch a variety of species including largemouth bass, bluegills, pumpkinseeds, and yellow perch. A final report has not yet been completed.

The low water levels in the lake are probably causing some issues with the fishery as the numbers of fish caught were lower than expected. This could also be a factor of the smaller boat that had to be used. Once the data is looked at more thoroughly with the age data, the team will be able to determine if the growth of the fish is good, but the full analysis is not yet complete. This work is expected to be completed sometime during the months of November and December.

The Lake Association President will be sent a final version of the report once it is completed.

Further questions can be directed to Greg Kornely at 715-582-5010

Information provided by: Justine Hasz



Our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of long-town Beecher Lake resident

**Dee Downs**

who passed away this August



# PICNIC



## NOTICE:

### Beecher and Upper Lake Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting Followed by Picnic and Raffle

Beecher Lake Park

September 2, 2006, 10:00 a.m.

(Rain Date: September 3, 2006, 10:00 a.m.)

#### What you need to bring:

- ❑ Bring along the neighbor who has not yet attended
- ❑ Bring a comfortable chair, dish to pass, and can good to donate
- ❑ Bring your own dishes and silverware
- ❑ Bring cash to do some serious bidding! Monies from the raffle go to the Beecher Lake Fund.
- ❑ Food furnished by the association - soda, beer, brats with sauerkraut, burgers and hot dogs.



Help the committee by donating an item for the raffle

- ❑ Picnic Committee up north phone numbers
- ❑ You can e-mail this address so we can plan ahead - [emlrta@juno.com](mailto:emlrta@juno.com):

Emil & Rita Gosse – 715-324-6821

Roland & Dorothy Kehler – 715-324-6287

Gale Schilling – 920-766-3869



#### MEETING AGENDA

- ❑ Review of 2005 Annual Meeting Minutes
- ❑ 2006 Weed Cutting Discussion and Path Forward
- ❑ Annual Audit of District Financials Report
- ❑ 2007 Budget Discussion and Approval
- ❑ Other Committee Reports
- ❑ Town of Beecher Ordinance Discussion
- ❑ Open Forum

C/OJudy Siudzinski  
4398 Lime Kiln Road  
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## September 3, 2005 Annual Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 10:25am by President Joe Siudzinski. He welcomed the group and asked that each person present sign the book passed around, giving both their Lake and home address, and email address. This will help to update the membership and mailing lists. Those present introduced themselves to the group. There were about 45 members in attendance.

The Secretary's minutes were read, approved and placed on file. President Siudzinski reported that the Treasurer's books had been audited by Fran Siudzinski and found to be in good order.

In the absence of Treasurer Bob Magnuson, Glen Shilling presented the Treasurer's Report. At year's end, there will be approximately \$1,732.61 on hand. This amount is adjusted for projected expenditures to year end. This includes a balance due on the weed harvesting contract, towing charge, notice of meeting, publication expenses etc. **The motion was MSC to accept the Treasurer's Report.**

The 2006 proposed operating budget was presented and discussed. (see copy) We have \$1000 held in reserve for the fish stocking. With the \$500 in the 2006 Budget, there will then be \$1500 available to the Fishing and Water Quality Committee for fish stocking and replenishing when the results of the fish shocking are provided by the DNR.

The tax levy has been reduced to \$69.20 per owner for 2006 as compared to \$80.20 for the current 2005 tax year. Unknowns in the budget include the cost of umbrella insurance coverage, the cost of the weed harvesting permit renewal and the cost of the weed harvesting contract. **The motion was made to accept the 2006 budget. Motion Seconded and Carried**

**The motion to replace gravel at the shoreline of Bob and Pearl Warner** – gravel pushed away due to the years of launching the weed harvester there – was made by Glen Shilling and **Seconded** by Marcia (Miracle) Ito. The motion carried.

Bob Magnuson's term as Treasurer has ended and he has asked to be replaced. Pam Gloeckler agreed to fill the role.

The report of the Aquatic Plant Control Committee was given by Gene Wickman (copy available upon request).

Discussion of this year's harvesting followed. Due to the hot, dry conditions this summer, weeds grew more quickly and were evident within just a couple of weeks after the harvesting. Some felt the weeds were cut "too shallow". A permit renewal will be needed from the DNR for harvesting in 2006. Dick Daniels brought information about using herbicides to prevent weed growth. There may be some grants available for this. Some discussed checking the possibility of actually dredging some areas of the lake to eradicate the weeds. These concerns will all be addressed by the Aquatic Plant Control Committee prior to next year's harvesting. Thanks were extended to the Warner's for providing the launch site for the harvester, Marcia (Miracle) Ito for allowing the loading of weeds to the dump truck parked on her property, and to Paul Lasee for allowing the dumping of the harvested weeds on a portion of his property.

Gene announced that he was resigning from the Aquatic Plant Control Committee after serving for several years as its chairperson. Gene was recognized for his service on that committee. Randy Stradl agreed to serve as the new chairperson of the Aquatic Plant Control Committee. Also agreeing to be on the committee are: Mike Gottstein and Doyle Curtis, along with Jane Devine who currently serves on the committee. Gene Wickman will be a resource as the Committee begins its work.

It was pointed out, that property owners are allowed to manually remove weeds from their shoreline. However, mechanical removal is not allowed.

President's Report:

On Thursday September 8, Greg Cleereman, a Marinette County Conservationist, and a DNR technician will do shocking of the lake. This fish study will take place at dusk. It is our hope that this study will help to provide us with recommendations for the fish stocking program. It is also hoped that a data base can be set up to help us study the lake for such properties as water clarity and ph. This information will be recorded and compared each year to help us achieve a long-term plan for the lake.

Bob Warner offered his shoreline for launching the DNR boats for the study; Marcia (Miracle) Ito offered her site as well.

We now have a web site for our Beecher and Upper Lake District. This web site will provide information about meeting dates, meeting minutes, and information pertinent to our Lake. The site can be accessed through links at the 'Marinette County' web site, Or, simply provide President Siudzinski with your email address, ([jsudster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jsudster@sbcglobal.net)) and he will send the link directly to you for your "bookmarking"!

Date of Commissioners Meeting will be announced at a later time.

Old business – none

Judy and Joe Siudzinski were thanked for their work on the newsletter and for their leadership this past year.

Money raised at the picnic will be used for the fish stocking.

The Gosse's were congratulated on their 50th wedding anniversary and President Joe on his birthday September 4.

It was **Moved, Seconded and Carried to adjourn the meeting** at 11:25 to be followed by the raffle, auction and picnic.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wickman, Secretary