

Long Lake Property Owners Association

TO PROTECT. TO ENHANCE. TO ENJOY.
WE ARE THE STEWARDS OF LONG LAKE



PROTECT

WATER QUALITY / MONITORING

Annual report is a summary of the data that has been collected through the hardworking volunteers of the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program for Long Lake.

ENHANCE

CONTROLLING INVASIVE SPECIES

You can help prevent the introduction of new invasive species into Long Lake and other local waterways by making sure you clean, drain, and dry all equipment.

ENJOY

LAKE FISHING & FUNDING

Anglers can expect to catch northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, channel catfish, rock bass, bluegill, black crappie, yellow perch, and walleye.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello LLPOA Members (and members to be)

Welcome to another year at Long Lake!

Spring has come (and gone) early this year, but it seems like we're heading in the right direction with the weather. The association continues to serve you by working with the township and our lake management firm to ensure that we continue to proactively (and conservatively) manage the invasive species entering our lake. The challenge continues.

Lake Management and Weed Control

Restorative Lake Sciences continues to provide lake assessments, management, and treatments for 2024. Look for a first weed survey and treatment in early June, and a second assessment and treatment in late July or so to hit trouble spots of milfoil and nuisance natives.

While Eurasian Milfoil has been controlled for several years, we've seen a large increase in invasive Curly Leaf Pondweed and 2024 brought a new invasive species to Long Lake – Starry Stonewort. During a comprehensive lake survey by RLS last summer, a 9-acre area of Starry Stonewort was identified. This new-to-our-lake invasive is a macroalgae that forms a mat on the bottom of the lake, choking out other plant life. The initial area was mapped and treated, and we will be monitoring this problem for the foreseeable future.

More information on this new invasive here: <https://starrystonewort.org/>

We continue to participate in the Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program and the 2023 CLMP report is available on our website at www.longlakemi.org.

Special Assessment for Weed Control – (SAD)

The \$114.77 charge for "LONG LAKE" on your tax bill is the special assessment for weed control. This covers lake management by Restorative Lake Sciences, treatment, permits, and other costs. The township manages the money and pays all bills related to the lake management program.

2023 Fish Stocking Program

The 2023 Fish stocking program was a success, with two plantings that included largemouth bass, walleye, hybrid bluegill and black crappie. Thanks to Fish Committee Chair Jay Peters for managing this process and investment in our lake diversity and sustainability. Your donation to the Fish Fund goes directly to these stocking programs. Thank you to my fellow board members, our committee and zone director volunteers, road cleanup crews and boat parade judges, the Golf Outing Crew and everyone that help to make our lake a great place to live!

Michael Lesich

LLPOA President

Membership Dues – Renewal Time! Dues remain at \$20 for 2024-2025.

Now is the time to renew – or join - the Long Lake Property Owner’s Association

It’s that time of year again to renew your membership to the Long Lake Property Owners Association. Dues remain for another year at \$20.

You can do this in several ways:

- 1) Attach a check with the enclosed membership form and mail to the address on the form.
- 2) Go to the LLPOA web page longlakemi.org and pay through PAYPAL at an additional charge of \$2.00.
- 3) Attend a meeting and pay in person.

The association participates in and supports programs and events like the Boat Parade, New Member packets, Registration and participation in the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, CLMP Water Quality Monitoring, Liability Insurance for the Association, Web Fees, and Annual Newsletter, Long Lake Ice Jam and other events.

Don’t forget your Donation to the Fish Fund! Your contribution goes directly to stocking the lake each year. Join the Fish Committee to get involved and help us improve the lake.

Welcome Committee

The welcome committee wants to reach out to new property owners on the lake and let them know about all of the great things happening in our area. Jennifer & Scott Hinson are leading this effort along with others to put together a welcome packet with attractions, stores, local businesses and other resources that come in handy.

If you’d like to help out or know of a new property owner that we can reach out to please email Jennifer and Scott at jpatterson0759@gmail.com

Zone Directors

What does a Zone Director do?

- Helps identify new owners to our lake.
- Gets a membership application to them.
- Helped get out information.
- Relays any concerns owners have that can be addressed by LLPOA.

We have a need in several areas for Zone Directors. Please reach out to a LLPOA Board member if you are interested in volunteering.

Volunteer! We need boat parade judges, organizers, all are welcome to assist – we will find you something to do!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time and Location</i>
<i>April/May</i>	Goose Busters Nest Removal	Various locations
<i>May 25th</i>	LLPOA Membership Meeting	10am Eagle Pointe Plaza
<i>July 6th</i>	LLPOA Membership Meeting	10am Eagle Pointe Plaza
<i>July 6th</i>	Long Lake Boat Parade	1 pm at the Long Lake Bar
<i>August 3rd</i>	LLPOA Membership Meeting	10am Eagle Pointe Plaza
<i>August TBD</i>	Golf Outing	Wicker Hills - TBD
<i>August 31st</i>	LLPOA Membership Meeting	10am Eagle Pointe Plaza
<i>September 7th</i>	Long Lake Clean Up	12pm @ Long Lake Bar

Check your email and the Facebook group “Long Lake Property Owners” for updates and happenings around the lake.

Annual Road Cleanup - Saturday, September 7, 2024

Throughout the year, we promote the importance of maintaining cleanliness of our roads and around our lake. We urge everyone to play their part by removing any litter along the road that could, to protect others including our local wildlife and aquatic friends. Let's work together to preserve the beauty of our lake area and ensure it remains safe for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you to all our LLPOA members who helped clean up the roads around Long Lake in the past years and for those who attended our celebration Lunch at the Long Lake Bar last September.

LLPOA members can once again help with the end of summer clean up the weekend after Labor Day on Saturday, September 7, 2024. We follow up with a pizza meet-up at the Long Lake Bar at 12:00.

Contact Laura Lesich, Road Cleanup Chair, for your preferred cleanup area. We like to assign the roads surrounding the lake in manageable segments and efficiently distribute volunteers so as not to duplicate efforts. A map will be available at the LLPOA meetings for sign-up. To sign up or if you have any questions, feel free to email Laura (lzlesich@gmail.com).

Fish Committee Report



Fishing looks promising for those Long Lake residents who choose to wet a line this season. 2023 was a unique year where we were able to conduct two fish planting events after skipping a planting 2 years ago. The first took place in June with a purchase of 1,000 4-6” largemouth bass and 50 4-6” inch hybrid bluegill. The second planting took place in November that included 1,000 5-8” walleye and 1,000 4-6” black crappie. These two plantings represented an investment of nearly \$9,000 to ensure a vibrant fishing experience for lake residents. 2024 will see a likely return to the more traditional one planting a year as the fish fund seeks funding for this year which typically garner roughly \$4,000 annually.

I would like to encourage everyone to consider regularly contributing to the fish fund when paying your LLPOA annual dues. I hope this is an easy decision for those who enjoy Long Lake’s history of great fishing. And even for those who are not regular anglers, a healthy, vibrant lake makes living on the lake more enjoyable for other family members and visitors. *A contribution of \$10, \$20, \$50, or more helps sustain our fishing stock and maintain our lake’s health and sustainability.*

We are grateful for the support of the sponsors of the annual Long Lake Golf Outing for contributing the proceeds of the event to our Fish Fund. This generous gesture represents roughly half of the annual fish fund budget!

Want to be involved in helping maintain a healthy balance of fish species in Long Lake? Have questions or observations regarding the fishing experience on the lake? There is room for you on the fish committee! Fishing knowledge on the lake preferred but not required.

Let’s talk.

Jay Peters
 Chair, Fish Committee
 1-616-822-0358
jay@developmentstrategies.com

2024 Possession Limits

Species	Legal Size	Season	Daily Limit
Largemouth and Smallmouth bass	Minimum 14”	May 25-December 31	5 in any combination
Walleye	Minimum 15”	April 27- March 15	5
Northern Pike	Minimum 24”	April 27- March 15	2
Blue Gill, Crappie, Sunfish, Perch	None	Open all year	25

Safe Boating – it’s both the law and common sense.

Download a convenient map of the lake at <https://longlakemi.org/resources/downloads.asp>

Please keep boating safety in mind at all times. When things get busy and people are fishing, tubing, skiing, sailing, pontoons, jet skis, paddle boards, kayaks, things get congested and hectic. Remember that we all have a right to enjoy the lake, but we must follow Michigan laws and show some common courtesy when sharing the water. Let’s all do our part to keep the lake safe for everyone.

Some Key Reminders for Boating on Long Lake

- Travel **counter-clockwise around the lake.**
 - Think of it as if you cut the lake down the middle, *you stay on the right side.*
 - Always keep the shore to your right closest to you.
 - This rule applies to personal watercraft as well as pontoons, ski boats and other motorized boats.
- **Avoid loon nesting areas (and the loons) at all times.**
- Maintain **a minimum of 100 feet** from all other vessels, swimmers, docks, rafts, tubes, skiers or any other obstruction **unless traveling at a slow, no wake speed.**
- Give boats towing tubes and skiers plenty of space!
- Please share educational materials with new boaters and guests unfamiliar with the lake. It’s a great refresher too. We have boater safety information at www.longlakemi.org and the Michigan DNR <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs>

**Long Lake Property Owners Association
Treasurers Report**

3/31/2024

Account (Checking # 7936)

Date	Account	Balance Forward	Revenue	Disbursement	
					\$ 1,436.38
16-Mar	MI Waterfront Alliance/Ann, Dues			\$ 150.00	
21-Mar	Dues	\$ 60.00			
Total Checking Account		\$ 60.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 1,346.38

Fish Fund (Savings# 5027)

Date	Account	Balance Forward	Revenue	Disbursement	
					\$ 403.24
21-Mar	Donations	\$ 25.00			
15-Mar	Service Chg			\$ 15.00	
30-Mar	Interest	\$ 0.01			
Total Fish Fund		\$ 25.01	\$ 15.00		\$ 413.25

Savings (#4413)

	Balance Forward			
				\$ 11,364.63
30-Mar	Interest	0.29		
Total Savings		\$ 0.29	\$ -	\$ 11,364.92
				\$ 13,124.55

All Long Lake Property Owners Association Funds

LLPOA Checking	\$ 1,346.38
LLPOA Savings	\$ 11,364.92
Fish Fund	\$ 413.25
Total LLPOA Funds	\$ 13,124.55

Total Township SAD \$ 70,125.09 Weed Control Funds



**Long Lake Property Owners Association
2024 Membership Form**

Mail completed form with check or money order to:
 Long Lake Property Owners Association
 PO Box 276 Long Lake, MI 48743

Renew Online: https://www.longlakemi.org/members/manual_renew.asp

<u>Primary Member</u>			
Name			
Email Address			
Cell Phone		Home Phone/Other	
<u>Spouse/Additional Party</u>			
Name			
Email Address			
Cell Phone		Home Phone/Other	
<u>Property and Mailing Addresses</u>			
Long Lake Address			
Mailing Address			

Dues (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025):	\$20.00
Fish Fund Donation:	
Total Enclosed:	

Interest	Now	Future	Interest	Now	Future
Board of Directors			Golf Outing Committee		
Lake Management Team (Water Quality, Weed Control)			Social Committee		
Welcome Committee			Youth Fishing Committee		
Fish Committee					
Parade Committee			Let us know what you need		