

PLATTE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
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July 15, 2007

Dear PLIA Member:

Just a short note prior to the Annual Meeting. The meeting is **Saturday August 4, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP HALL**. Located on US-31 in Honor by the Platte River School and State Police Mini-Outpost. **Please note the new meeting time.**

Please make every effort to attend! In addition to lake water quality issues, zoning issues, septic system issues, etc. we will be voting on a bylaws change that will allow a "family" membership based on property ownership within the immediate Platte Lake watershed. A copy of the proposed bylaw changes is attached for your review.

We are still meeting by weekly with the DNR on Hatchery and Watershed management issues, have several projects with Central Michigan University and have just taken receipt of a watershed phosphorus/land use planning model jointly funded by the DNR and PLIA. Additionally, we continue to work with Benzie County Planning Commission toward the implementation of a lakeside buffer zone ordinance for the Benzonia Township portion of the lake similar to that enacted for Lake Township, etc.

We need your continued help and support. Please take the time to stop by the Annual meeting and hear what is going on and give us your input. The lake cannot help itself. Your stewardship is mandatory. Our efforts are now focused on what we can do to reduce nutrient loading from the upstream watershed as well as from each and every lakeside property.

As stated previously, you can help Platte Lake by **stopping all lawn fertilization**. If you feel you must fertilize, use only a non-phosphorus fertilizer. **Also, remove all dead and decaying vegetation from the lakeside, pick up and dispose of your clippings so they cannot reenter the lake and have that septic system pumped or upgraded and reduce runoff and erosion into the lake occurring from your property, etc.**

Again, see you at the Annual Meeting! We look forward to meeting you! If you cannot attend the meeting, please send in your membership fees and contributions, as your financial support is required

Your Officers and Board

NOTICE

PLATTE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING
10:00 AM SATURDAY AUGUST 4, 2007

HOMESTEAD TOWNSHIP HALL US-31 in HONOR
(ON THE SAME SIDE OF US-31 AS THE PLATTE RIVER SCHOOL
AND STATE POLICE MINI-OUTPOST)

PLATTE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BY-LAW CHANGES

PRESENT ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1.** Membership in the Association shall consist of two kinds, namely voting member and associate member.
- Section 2.** Every individual who has paid their annual dues, is 18 years of age or older, is a property owner, or an immediate family member of a property owner (husband, wife, children) whose property lies within the Platte Lake watershed or on land within a subdivision which lies wholly or in part within the Platte lake watershed is entitled to one vote and shall be equally privileged with all other members in voice and vote with regard to any policy or proposition presented for discussion or decision at any meeting of the members.
- Section 3.** An associate member shall be a person 18 years of age and not otherwise qualified for voting membership, but having an interest in and a desire to support the Association.
- Section 4.** The membership dues for the upcoming year will be set by a two-thirds vote of the voting membership at the Annual Meeting.
- Section 5.** The membership year is from January 1 to December 31.
- Section 6.** The annual dues are for each calendar year, and are payable to the Treasurer on January 1 of every year. Dues shall be delinquent if not paid by July first of each calendar year. A delinquent member shall be removed from the membership list, but shall be reinstated upon application and payment of the prior annual dues.
- Section 7.** Withdrawal of membership in the Association shall be by written notice to the Secretary of the Association.

PROPOSED ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1.** Same as Present Article III Section 1.
- Section 2.** A voting membership is afforded to every titled property owner who has paid the Association's annual fees, and is 18 years of age or older, the member having property or properties, irrespective of land area, number of parcels or lots, adjacent or nonadjacent, lying within the Platte Lake watershed or on land within a subdivision which lies wholly or in part within the Platte Lake watershed. The voting membership is entitled to one vote and shall be equally privileged with all other members in voice and vote with regard to any policy or proposition presented for discussion or decision at any meeting of the members. Property owner is defined as the single unique titled entity for the subject property or properties whether they be joint, multiple, corporate or trusted.
- Section 3.** Same as Present Article III Section 3.
- Section 4.** Same as Present Article III Section 4.
- Section 5.** Same as Present Article III Section 5.
- Section 6.** The annual fees are for each calendar year, and are payable to the Treasurer on January 1 of every year. Membership fees shall be delinquent if not paid by the date of the annual meeting. A delinquent member may not vote or attend meetings and will be placed on inactive status. Active membership can be reinstated upon application and payment of the current annual fees.
- Section 7.** Same as Present Article III Section 7.