

# The Ripples

LMPOA  
Communication &  
meeting minutes

Spring 2010

*Membership Meeting:*

- President Porter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. May22, 2010.
- 34 members attended the meeting.
- Reports were made by each committee chairperson.
- Planned actions to control milfoil & water levels were discussed.
- The board will have 3 openings for new directors.
- The next meeting is scheduled on July 10, 2010: 9:00 am. at the township hall.

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<b>Reminder: 2010 Dues are due.</b>	

## President’s Message—Joe Porter

Our May meeting was attended by 34 property owners. The discussion was directed to the important responsibility of taking care of our lake and looking out for the interests of property owners surrounding its sandy shores.

Spring and early summer are always a special season around the Lake. Docks and boats return to the landscape. Through our open windows we hear happy sounds of kids enjoying the clear, sometimes chilly waters of our sandy shore line. Occasionally we also hear the lonesome call of a Loon as long summer day draws to a close. Thankful, we should be, for our “gem” we call Lake Margrethe.

This summer your association is working to protect our Lake from the seemly endless march of invasive species that challenge the stewardship of lakes and property owners throughout Michigan. After several years of managing our Milfoil mediation effort, Gary McConnell is turning over the assignment to a new committee chairperson yet to be named. Through our annual program, funded by the support of our membership, Grayling Township, and the US

Army, we have the Eurasian Milfoil problem under control. Our plans call for treatment of “hot spots”; lake bottom areas that have spawned the growth of these unwanted and invasive weeds. Now we just need someone to step up and become our milfoil chairperson. With everyone’s assistance, we also will continue to monitor other invasive species that might cause concerns.

From all reports and the continued monitoring of lake water levels, it would appear that our Portage Creek dredging project has put us in much better control of the water through the creek’s dam just West of the Lake.

Let me iterate my thoughts about our association once again this summer: Nine elected board members provide leadership and project direction, but I sincerely believe that the momentum to act on the many issues that face the lake community come from the property owners. It is, in my opinion, the 270, or so, families who are committed to keeping our lake beautiful, safe, and the jewel of the Grayling area for generations

to come whom I am truly proud to serve as president of LMPOA.

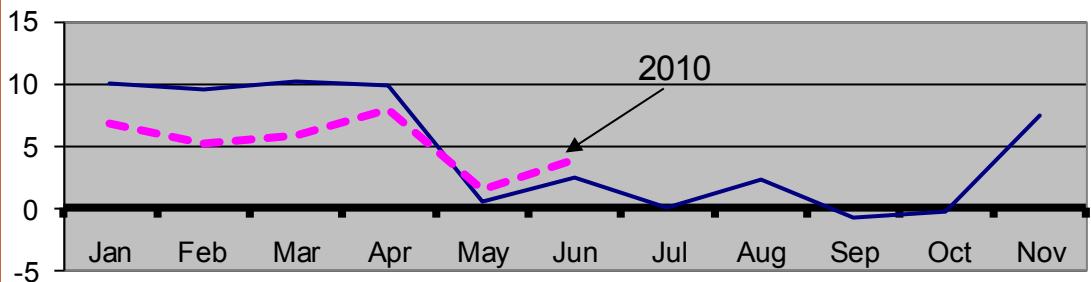
This is my annual pitch for membership, as well as a request for more members to join one of the lake projects. I hope you will think about 2010 as the year you seek a position on the board or become an active advocate for the association’s projects. It can be a very fulfilling experience...I promise.

The needs of the lake underscore the importance of membership in our association. The LMPOA board has kept dues at \$25 per family. We keep members informed via The Ripples, three seasonal meetings and a web site. As a result, almost all of your dues are used to support projects to improve and maintain our beautiful lake, its habitat, and to promote safety, and the interests of property owners.

**Our next general meeting is Saturday, July 10, 2010 (9:00AM), at the Grayling Township Hall.**  
**See you at the meeting and on the Lake!**

Ice out: March 25, 2010

**Water Levels—Inches above or below court order levels 2009 vs. 2010**



# May 2010—Membership Meeting Minutes



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION: Directors, Members and Guests were introduced.

LMPOA OBJECTIVES: Porter recited the five objectives of the Association.

TREASURERS REPORT Financial statements as of May 22, 2010, were presented by Bloomquist. Business Free Checking account: \$14,157.00

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- 216 paid members, better than last May of 205.
- Members requested to assist with recruiting new neighbors.
- Nominations for three open director position are open. Roe, Spencer, and Stevens are the nominating committee. Elections at meeting, July 10, 2010
- Web site: [www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com](http://www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com)

MARINE PATROL: Porter reported the request of undersheriff Kraycs' for assistance in funding the marine patrol in 2010, in the amount of \$1,500.00 (same as 2009). The 2009 statistical information showed 566 hours patrolling the lake, 853 vessel contacts, 60 warnings, and zero accidents. Motion made and seconded. MOTION PASSED.

MILFOIL TREATMENT: Dodge reported that a total of 20 acres of lake bottom will be treated for Eurasian Milfoil by the committee of McConnell and Dodge under the approved DEQ permit. Application is scheduled for the week of June 21, weather permitting. McConnell will step down as committee chair after this summer. Dodge is unable to fill the position of committee chair. We are seeking volunteer to assume the Milfoil project.

SECCHI DISK (Water Clarity): Herron reported readings of over 30 feet. Due to an equipment failure, he was unable to detail these early readings; testing is done two times per month.

Ph TESTING: Member Bill Moore reported that he will continue his work; the lake surface water is slightly basic with Ph readings ranging from 8.4 to 8.7. These readings remain consistent over the last 10 years.

WATER TESTING: Porter stated that PHOSPHORUS AND CHLOROPHYLL TESTING & WATER LEVEL CHECKS will occur on schedule. They are reported to the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program and tracked for changes or indications of problems.

E-COLI TESTING: Will occur on schedule again this year. Volunteers to assist with taking water samples are requested!

WATER LEVEL: Porter reported much improved readings at all three water level gages. Spring readings are very close to the court ordered levels and 5.5" better than 2009. He attributes better control of water levels to last fall's dredging project and new dam boards.

LAKE MARGRETHE FOUNDATION FUND: Porter reviewed the current status of fund.

## GUEST SPEAKERS:

Jim Clements - How to submit an application to the DEQ for a seawall permit.

Mike Lange, Crawford County Commissioner – Update on County projects and plans;

Chuck Spencer – Update on Portage Creek dredging project completed October 7, 2009.

Spencer outlined the background and need for the project. Members also were provided information on the extent of the dredging, cost, and funding sources. No questions.

MEMBER COMMUNICATION: A brief discussion of the hazardous waste disposal program and this spring's tent caterpillar population.

Respectfully submitted: Marshall Roe, Secretary

**Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association**

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**Next meeting: July 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.  
Grayling Township Hall**

**We're on the web  
www.lakemargrethe.homestead.com/**

*Our Lake, Our Responsibility*



**Become a LMPOA Director  
Nominating Chairperson: Marshall Roe 348-7715**

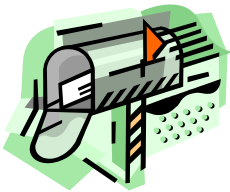
*Must be...*

- 1. LMPOA member.
- 2. Interested in working on lake projects
- 3. Elected by the membership in July

**Portage Creek Dam and Spillway. The Creek and its dam is the only controllable outlet for water from the lake going to the stream.**



**Membership is important!**



**Mail your check for \$25 to LMPOA, PO Box 583, Grayling, MI 49738.**

**Financial Statement**

May 2010

General Fund	\$14,157.00
No liabilities	
Paid Members	216

**Lake Margrethe Foundation**

Endowed Funds	\$95,069.00
Grant Funds Avail	\$23,841.00
Invasive Funds	\$10,886.00
Lake Level Fund	\$1,000.00

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**Member Notes:**

Wanted: E-mail addresses for all LMPOA members.

**Meeting Minutes Posted to the Web.**

Minutes of the May Board and General meetings are posted at our web site.

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Questions to Marshall Roe.  
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Enclosed is the Spring 2010 Ripples Newsletter  
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