

Maple Lake Improvement District

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2020



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2020 Annual Meeting Update

The Annual Meeting of the Maple Lake Improvement District was held on August 15th at the Mentor Community Center. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the meeting was held outside the Community Center, but was still pretty well attended. Reps from various agencies were present to give reports.

Polk County Sheriff, reported that there had been 66 written contacts on Maple and surrounding lakes with one DWI arrest. There were two minor property accidents this summer but for four consecutive years there had been zero accidents.

It was reported that Woodside Township is the only township surrounding the lake that requires golf cart permits and they can be obtained by calling Bruce Roed.

When driving a golf cart, the operator must possess a driver's license. If law enforcement stops someone driving a golf cart that doesn't have a driver's license, they will ask them to park the cart and walk home and the deputy will go and visit with their parents. If you have a complaint of any kind, like ATVs or golf carts on the lake roads late into the night, you can call the Sheriff's department at 218-281-0431.

Assessor, Mark Lansverk reported that the 2020 assessments will probably have no change and he didn't anticipate any increases in 2021.

Commissioner Jerry Jacobson talked about the East Beach improvements and that the plan was for cars to back into the spots. He said that all cars weren't following the instructions, but the Deputy noted that it would take a while for people to get used to that. There are electronic signs on the road slowing traffic down to 40 mph and it seemed to be working.

Tom Hutchins with the DNR informed the group that when using ATVs, anyone born after July 1987 is required to have a safety certification. If riding on the roadway, a driver's license is required. If you want to contact Tom with a concern, his number is: 218-407-1635

President Brian Floan gave an update of the last year:

- The Board spent about 8 months working on the canopy issue and eventually the matter was handed over to the county commission.
- Loren, Jim and Roger did water testing throughout the summer, sending the samples to RMB Labs for analysis.
- Brian Wavra reported that we did extra mosquito sprays in July. A resident asked why we don't do our own spraying. Brian responded that we have looked into it in the past and concluded that having Clarke do the spraying was the best option.

Roger Behm and Brian Floan were elected to another term on the board.

The budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 was approved as follows:

2020 - 2021 Budget

Administration Costs	\$8,500.00
Aeration Electric	\$1,000.00
Repair & Maint/Aerators	\$500.00
Annual Meeting	\$500.00
Communications	\$1,800.00
Ditch cleaning	\$500.00
Insurance	\$2,000.00
Lake Mgm Plan &	
Water Quality	\$1,000.00
Dues	\$600.00
Mosquito Spraying	\$18,200.00
Street Lighting	\$18,000.00
	\$52,600.00

Next year's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mentor Community Center.

Notifications From MLID

The MLID Board would like to have the ability to send out notices to the property owners and to send future newsletters electronically. If you would like to receive notices and electronic newsletters, please go to: www.maplelakedistrict.com to sign up. The Board would also like to let all property owners know that if there are concerns, there is a spot on the website to send messages to the board. *Follow us on Facebook!*

Polk County Camper Regulations on Lake Lots

There have been issues around the lake concerning parking campers on lake lots. Below are the regulations from Polk County:

-Campers that are pulled on parcels and hooked to septic at any time or have fixtures that suggest they are for more than short-term parking and limited use constitutes a zoning violation.

-Campers that do not meet accessory structure setbacks regardless of how long they have been positioned there constitutes a zoning violation.

-Lots with multiple campers can only exist where one camper has been permitted as the primary dwelling unit for the site. Multiple campers are not allowed unless permitted as dwelling units and meeting other regulations for lot sizing and guest house uses.

-Campers that have been permitted by Polk County Planning and Zoning via a land use permit can be tied into septic systems only upon a passing septic compliance inspection of the current septic system prior to hooking the camper to the septic system.

-Campers cannot be setup for regular weekend occupancy, seasonal occupancy, or permanent occupancy.



-Campers intended to be parked on property must be licensed, road ready, and periodically moved off the site to use the camper off-site.

These zoning regulations were never intended to allow campers to function as guest quarters or secondary dwellings on any parcel.

Basically, the county tries to limit the number of campers on lake lots, because septic tanks are sized for the number of bedrooms in a cabin. Each camper adds bedrooms to the property and the septic systems aren't sized for the extra bedroom capacity.

If you have questions regarding camper regulations, contact Jacob with Polk County Planning & Zoning: 218-281-5700.

2018-2019 Board Members

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Ice Fishing and Ice Safety

With winter right around the corner, it will soon be time to bundle up and grab your fishing rod and bait bucket and enjoy a true Minnesota tradition —ice fishing.

It's an adventure to hang out around an ice hole with friends and family, telling stories and holding your fishing rod as you wait for a bite. And it's thrilling when your bobber suddenly vanishes down the hole, and you pull a fish from the water with a splash!

With all the fun, there are still things to remember – always have your fishing license with you and be safe on the ice!

ICE SAFETY TIPS

Ice is never 100 percent safe. Take these steps to minimize risk when ice fishing:

- Check the thermometer. Air temperature and recent weather patterns can significantly impact ice quality. Just because the ice was safe on a certain date last year doesn't mean it will be safe this year.
- Check current ice reports and learn about any known hazardous areas.

- Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Carry a cell phone and/or personal locator beacon in case of trouble.



- Always bring an ice safety kit with you on the ice: rope, ice picks, ice chisel or auger and tape measure. Check ice thickness at regular intervals. Know how to use the ice picks to rescue yourself and the rope to rescue others.
- Wear a life jacket or float coat when you are on the ice (except when in a vehicle). If you fall in, a foam-filled vest or coat will keep your head above water and provide some insulation against the effects of cold water.

General Ice Thickness Guidelines

