

Maple Lake Improvement District

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2021



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2021 Annual Meeting Update

The Annual Meeting of the Maple Lake Improvement District was held on July 10th at the Mentor Community Center. Reps from various agencies were present to give reports.

Polk County Sheriff, reported that there had been 72 written contacts and 1 arrest on Maple and surrounding lakes, with 52 of them over the 4th of July weekend. He noted that they had never seen Maple and Union Lake as busy as it had been this summer.

Sheriff Tadman said that there are still golf cart complaints about young drivers. He said that all golf carts need to have slow moving signs, insurance, rearview mirrors and the driver must have a driver's license. If a golf cart is stopped, they will receive a documented warning and the second time a ticket will be written up. You can call 218-281-0431 if you have a concern or complaint.

Assessor, Mark Lansverk reported that there had not been a lot of changes in the market valuations and the market is stable on Maple Lake. There have been 18 sales in the last year and the county's value has been at 96% of the sale price.

Commissioner Jerry Jacobson reported that Polk County has received state and federal funds to reimburse COVID costs. And that the state, instead of the County, will be paying the money owed to Enbridge Pipeline after the state overvalued the pipeline property for its 2012-2016 taxes.

Corey Hanson, Red Lake Watershed reported that the lake data collected

recently has not changed much from past years. The lake is meeting the state standards for shallow lakes and the secchi tests, showing lake clarity, are lower than last year, but better than expectations for a shallow lake.

Reps from Godfrey & Woodside Townships reported that they have been keeping up with the township paving projects and that they are trying to tar a few roads each year.

President Brian Floan gave an update:

- The Board had Zoom meetings this year and will use Zoom again this winter.
- Water testing is being done each month
- Reported on mosquito spraying.
- Reported that boat cleaning equipment was installed at East Beach boat landing.

Mike Moore was elected to another term on the board, and Jon Bohm was elected to his first 4-year term.

2021 - 2022 Budget

Administration Costs	\$9,500.00
Aeration Electric	\$1,000.00
Repair & Maint/Aerators	\$3,300.00
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	\$300.00
Mosquito Spraying	\$18,200.00
Street Lighting	\$18,700.00
	\$56,800.00

Next year's Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mentor Community Center.

2021-2022 Board Members

President: Brian Floan (2024)

12417 Maple Lake Dr SE, Mentor, MN
Ph: 218-574-2345

Vice President: Michael Moore (2025)
34643 E. Trinity Point Rd, Mentor, MN
Ph: 218-687-3637

Loren Abel (2023)
12039 Maple Lake Dr SE, Mentor, MN
Ph: 218-574-2010

Jim Baune (2022)
12227 Maple Lake Dr SE, Mentor, MN
Ph: 218-779-5295

Roger Behm (2024)
13012 Elmer Hanson Dr SE, Mentor, MN
Ph: 218-850-2979

Jon Bohm (2025)
13043 Elmhurst Ln SE, Mentor, MN
Ph: 218-200-9016

Brian Wavra (2023)
1118 21st St NW, East Grand Forks, MN
Ph: 218-773-3083

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!*

Good Things to Know

There are many things that come up and you may wonder who to call or what to do. Here is a list of some common questions:

Street Light Out –

Call a board member (see 1st page)

Power Line Down, Power Out

Call your utility company

-Ottertail Power Co - 800-257-4044

-Wild Rice Electric - 800-244-5709

Concerns on Roads (tree on road)

Call your township representative:

-Godfrey Township

Luther Berhow, Supervisor

218-574-2770

-Grove Park-Tilden Township

Steve Tischman, Supervisor

218-637-6050

-Woodside Township

Bruce Roed, Supervisor

218-686-7233



Get Your Well Water Tested

-Pick up water testing kit at

West Polk Soil and Water Office

528 Strander Ave, Crookston, MN

Ph: 218-281-6070

-Collect your water sample and return it the same day with payment. (\$12-\$27)

-RMB Environmental Laboratories will pick up the sample and test it.

RMB Ph: 218-846-1465

-Results typically sent within 2-3 business days

Septic System Inspection

-Call Polk County Environmental Services - 218-281-5700,

-You can get a list of inspectors at:

<https://www.co.polk.mn.us/210/Septic-System-Information>

Building Permits, Camper Regs, etc.

-Call Polk County Planning & Zoning 218-281-5700 (website below)

Questions on your Real Estate Taxes

-Polk County Assessor - 218-281-4186

-Website below

Useful Websites & Phone Numbers

Polk County Planning & Zoning

Ph: 218-281-5700

<https://www.co.polk.mn.us/196/Planning-Zoning>

Polk County Assessor

Ph: 218-281-4186

<https://www.co.polk.mn.us/171/Assessor>

Polk County Sheriff

Ph: 218-281-0431

<https://www.co.polk.mn.us/221/Sheriffs-Office>

Minnesota DNR

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/>

RMB Labs

Ph: 218-846-1465

<https://www.rmbel.info/>

Polk County First Alert System

<https://member.everbridge.net/892807736729932/login>

Aerator Installation and Safety

In January of each year, the board installs aerators. Aeration keeps the ice open and adds oxygen to the lake to reduce the likelihood of a fish kill.

THIN ICE signs are installed all around the open water area and it is **VERY IMPORTANT** to keep off the ice near the open water! **Do not drive**

snowmobiles near the open water or between the open water and the shore!



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.

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:

• 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.

• 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

• 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

