

Maple Lake Improvement District

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2023



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2023 Annual Meeting Update

The Annual Meeting of the Maple Lake Improvement District was held on July 8th at the Mentor Community Center. Reps from various agencies gave reports.

Polk County Sheriff reported that most contacts made on the lake are jet skis not obeying the rules. The Sheriff Dept has permanently docked their boat at the East Shore boat landing. If you have any concerns, you can call the Sheriff Dept at 218-281-0431.

Assessor Lansverk reported the value increases that most lake properties received for '23 tax year averaged 25%. He explained that the state requires that values are 90-105% of the actual sale prices around the lake & Maple Lake properties are at 95.28%.

Brian Wavra completed his final term on the board and Adelle Christianson was elected to a 4-year term.

President Floan gave an annual update.

2023 - 2024 Budget

Administration Costs	\$12,000.00
Aeration Electric	\$1,250.00
Repair & Maint/Aerato	\$500.00
Annual Meeting	\$500.00
Communications	\$2,100.00
Ditch cleaning	\$500.00
Insurance	\$2,100.00
Lake Mgm Plan & Water Quality	\$1,000.00
Dues	\$300.00
Mosquito Spraying	\$19,000.00
Street Lighting	\$23,800.00
Total	\$63,050.00

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!**



2023-2024 Board Members

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Vice President: Michael Moore (2025)
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Loren Abel (2023)
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Roger Behm (2024)
13012 Elmer Hanson Dr SE, Mentor, MN
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Jon Bohm (2025)
13043 Elmhurst Ln SE, Mentor, MN
Ph: 218-200-9016

Adelle Christianson (2027)
12888 Maple Lake Dr SE, Mentor, MN
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Survey Questions

OUTLET DAM REPLACEMENT SURVEY

Polk County is planning to replace the outlet dam structure in the near future. They would like to know what Maple Lake property owners think of the current dam and water levels.



Please respond to the following survey question by going to our website at www.maplelakedistrict.com and click on "Survey Page" on the first page under Current News.

"WERE YOU HAPPY WITH THE LAKE LEVEL THIS YEAR THAT THE OUTLET DAM PROVIDED?"

YES or NO

Thank you in advance for your response. This will help in deciding how the county will proceed with the outlet structure replacement.

MAPLE LAKE BIKING/WALKING TRAIL SURVEY

The Board has been discussing the possibility of building a biking/walking trail around Maple Lake. We have had a meeting with the County and have compiled a committee of property owners to help decide where this trail would best work.

At this time there are funds available through the state for such a trail and we would just need to get a plan together and request funding.



The board would like to hear how property owners feel about a biking/walking trail. **Please answer the following questions in the same manner as you answered the Outlet Dam Survey questions by clicking on "Survey Page"**

"DO YOU THINK A BIKING/WALKING TRAIL SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTED AROUND MAPLE LAKE?"

YES or NO

"ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY A LITTLE EXTRA IN FEES TO HELP PAY FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF THE TRAIL?"

YES or NO

Vacancy on MLID Board in 2024

If you are interested in serving on the board, let us know as there is an opening available in June 2024.

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>

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 and if there are concerns, there is a spot on the website to send messages to the board. *Follow us on Facebook!*

Maple Lake Improvement District-Things to Know

The Maple Lake Improvement District (MLID) started out as a Lake Association where dues were collected annually from the property owners. In 1987 the "Maple Lake Improvement District" was established with an initial Board of Directors. The MLID is financed by assessments on each improved lot in the Maple Lake District.

These assessments are used to pay for things that benefit the district like monthly utility bills for the street lights around the lake, water quality testing, aeration equipment, electricity to run the aerators and mosquito spraying among other things.

The MLID Board consists of 7 lake property owners that are elected for a 4-year term at the annual meeting, which is held the 2nd Saturday in July.

Regular board meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Mentor Community Center. These meetings are open to the public and if you want to be on the agenda, please contact a board member, or email: info@maplelakedistrict.com.

The MLID has a rep that attends Polk County Planning and Zoning Commission meetings and the board acts in an advisory capacity to the Commission.

The P&Z Commission has the final authority to regulate planning & zoning issues.

Each winter the board members test the oxygen level of the lake, and when it is deemed necessary, they install aerators to keep the oxygen at a safe level for the fish population.

Along with that, the board takes water samples 4 times each summer in 4 different locations and sends them to RMB Labs for analysis.

The board works to support the long-term preservation of Maple Lake and hopes to help make it an appealing place for residents and visitors.