

Little Swan Lake Newsletter

June 2020

Reminder: All forms, lake rules & regulations, meeting minutes & other important information is available on our website at www.littleswanlake.net.

Welcome to the Lake

We hope everyone will be able to enjoy the lake in spite of the COVID-19 situation and will exercise social distancing as described in the Boating and Fishing Guidelines for Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois, a Public Health Approach to Safely Reopen our State. We were to move into Phase 3 on May 29, 2020 but the original phases are being modified weekly.

You may see some new faces around the lake this year! There have been some new homes built plus some older homes are getting additions or a facelift. Please wave "Hi" to your new neighbors to welcome them to the lake!

We also encourage our community members to provide their email addresses. After all, this is a better means of staying in touch and communicating within the community. You may submit your email address to: LSLClerk@hotmail.com.

Little Swan Lake Board Members: Our Board members are as follows:

Member	Contact		Term	
Andersen, Bob	(309)775-9008 Home (217)649-1304 Cell	r-andersen@wiu.edu	2017-2020	LSL Treasurer Siltation Webmaster
Anderson, Chrisa	(309)696-7148 Cell	chrisa@avonillinoiscpa.com	2018-2021	LSL President Long Term Planning Club House Rentals

Batson, David	(309)772-3700	batsonsacehardware@yahoo.com	2018-2021	Fishing, Boating
Brown, Judy	((309)255-6716	ja-brown3@wiu.edu	2018-2021	Publicity
Kuster, Doug	(309)833-4042	pastordk23@yahoo.com	2019-2022	LSL Secretary Lake Operations Boating
Mahr, Danny	(309)255-9517	dmahr@hiels.com	2017-2020	Boating
Melton, Sheila	(630)639-7763 Cell (309)975-1001) Alt.	skmelton@mail.com	2019-2022	Lake Operations
Millizer, Stacey	(309)368-4363	lovegoaliesplits@yahoo.com	2019-2022	Roads
Morgan, Russ	(309)333-7164	re-morgan@wiu.edu	2017-2020	LSL Vice President Mowing
Russell, Joe	(309)465-3033 Cell	jmrusell@grics.net	2018-2021	Lake & Dam
Taflinger, Dwayne	(309)368-2325	taflinger94@mediacombb.net	2017-2020	Building Long Term Planning Lake Operations

Dunlap, Barb	(309)465-6734	LSLClerk@hotmail.com		Lake Clerk
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McKinley, Pat	(309)696- 4624			Sanitary District Contact
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Keep our Lake Area Clean: Please watch out for loose items or trash on the road. As we all know, the wind can be fierce out here! Garbage cans that tip over or get pushed into the road or ditch can attract unwanted animals. Help retrieve neighbor's trash can if it blows over. If you see pieces of trash, empty bottles, cans etc. when you are on your walk or bike ride, please pick it up & dispose of it or recycle it. Thanks for keeping Little Swan Lake areas clean.

PDC/AREA Trash Collection Company: Wigand is picking up trash and their telephone number is 309-681-3364.

Renting the LSL Club House: The cost is \$50. Only LSL Club members can reserve the clubhouse for an event. The reservation form as well as a list of rules for using the clubhouse is available online. See www.littleswanlake.net and Rules of Use for LSL Clubhouse. Contact Chrisa Anderson at 309-696-7148.

Membership Fees: All LSL Membership Fees, including \$150 Membership Fee plus \$35 per lot Maintenance Fee, were due by March 1, 2020. If fees are delinquent, late fees will be charged at \$25 PLUS a 2% per month charge on the current past due amount PLUS any collection fees that may occur on top of these. The late fee amount increases each month you are late. Questions? Email LSLCLerk@hotmail.com.

Boat Ramp Parking and Usage: We have received some complaints regarding boat ramp parking and boat launching issues as the new season begins. The boat ramp launching strip always needs to remain clear from parked vehicles and trailers. This allows for others to have enough clearance to launch and remove their boats. Also parking at the boat ramp area is limited to vehicles with trailers. All other vehicles are to park either in the clubhouse parking lot if the clubhouse is not in use OR park on Outlot DD. Outlot DD is also to be used for overflow parking if the boat ramp parking is full. The boat ramp area and docks are used for quickly launching and removing boats. Please do not park your boat next to the docks for loading and unloading items. This should be done prior to launching or after removing to free up the boat docks for other boaters. Please exercise courtesy to allow everyone to quickly launch and remove boats without delays. Also note the lawn areas are not to be used for parking as it damages the lawn.

Building Permit Reminder: LSL has rules concerning any new or improved construction on your property. Be aware that any building project such as a house, boathouse or storage shed, dock, boat lift, deck, garage, home addition, swimming pool etc. requires a permit and approval by the LSL Building Committee. Solar Panel Guidelines – There is no fee for the installation of solar panels on any property, but the same process of applying for a building permit is required before installation can begin. Only flush mounted roof panels are to be used and the panels must match the existing roofing materials. Ground mounted panel systems are prohibited from use. Building forms can be downloaded from our website at www.littleswanlake.net Questions? Contact Dwayne Taflinger at 309-368-2325.

Boating & Fishing News: NO-WAKE ZONE –Watch Out for the Buoys! SLOW DOWN! Please be careful when boating. The no-wake buoys are in place for a reason –they warn boaters to lower their boat speed so there is no wake behind their boat when traveling past the marker buoys. It's very SHALLOW at that end of the lake. PLUS, lots of waves from boats will erode the shoreline over time. Buoys are also in place to alert boaters of underwater obstacles such as tree stumps and rocks. Boaters coming into contact with these underwater obstacles can cause bodily injury and damage to your boats.

NO-WAKE ZONE -Swimming Safety - The following lake rules apply when swimming off your boat in the no-wake zone past the no-wake buoys. These rules will be strictly enforced with a minimum fine of \$25 for the first offense. Repeated offenses could lead to the loss of your lake privileges. 1) Your boat must be anchored with the motor turned off. 2) Boats must anchor in the center of the no wake zone, not in the traffic lanes. 3) Hours: Swimming is allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. 4) Swimmers must stay within 30 ft. of their boat. 5) At least one adult must be tethered to the boat. 6) No diving allowed.

Carp Removal - The removal of carp scheduled for May has been cancelled but stocking of the lake is planned in the Fall.

Boat Registration News: Boat stickers are required before boats go in the water. If you operate a boat without a sticker, you will be subject to a \$25 fine. To get a boat sticker, first PRINT OUT a Boat Registration Form located on our website at www.littleswanlake.net

1.COMplete the BOAT FORM.

- 2.MAKE A COPY OF YOUR ILLINOIS BOAT REGISTRATION (required for all motorized boats).
- 3.ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR THE BOAT FEES.
- 4.SEND to the LSL Clerk, Barb Dunlap. Many boat registration forms that been received but do not have a copy of the current IL State Board Registration Card attached. Very often the reason given is because the boat is still in storage and the State Board card is in the boat. The suggestion is: Whenever you get a new State registration card, make 3 or 4 copies of it before you put the original in your boat and keep the copies in your house. That way you will always have a copy handy to send in to us every year. Another problem people have is that they have applied to the State for a renewal but have not yet received their new card. We realize the State sometimes can take a long time to send out your new card. In that case, you can just send a copy of the receipt you received from the State showing that you have applied for a renewal.

Ladies of the Lake Club News: Unfortunately, the Ladies of the Lake have not been able to meet during 2020 but hope to resume the luncheons when possible. All Little Swan Lake women are invited to meet at noon at the Club House for lunch and sometimes for a short program when the Coronavirus guidelines allow. Questions? – call Jane Stevens at 309-465-3466.