

Last PPLA Meeting of 2008

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The Paw Paw Lake Association (PPLA) meeting schedule end is “raining” to a close for the 2008 year faster than our reigning goose population is flying south. However, while the meeting year is coming to a close, preparation continues for the balance of the year and for new projects and initiatives for 2009. The last 2008 meeting takes place Saturday, October 4, starting at 10:00 AM.

On this month’s agenda, in addition to committee reports, the discussion items will include our *Barnes and Ross* audit results, Website update and inclusion discussions (visit us at www.ppla.info), and the Sheriff’s response to our recent high water levels. Other topics are a weed survey report and information on conducting an area Economic Impact Study, one of the Spicer Group’s recommended action items not covered by the pending lake restoration initiative.

Last month the Board decided to hold the line on Weed Treatment fees even as our applicator has seen it necessary to raise its fees to the PPLA fees by seven per cent. This month we will tackle the task of trying to hold the line on membership dues and one way current members can assist us in holding that line is to encourage your neighbors to join with us as we strive to work for the welfare of every lake resident.

The up coming year will be a challenge as we seek solutions to our weed problem, nutrient loading and efforts to keep the lake safe and fun. Going forward our emphasis remains strong on zero phosphorous fertilization, lakeshore buffers, break wall remediation, rain gardens and safety. Almost sixty five per cent of offending nutrients impacting our waters are a result of improper fertilization practices by lake side and near lake side residents.

If we work to protect the lake by utilizing our own “Best Practice Management” techniques (see www.ppla.info for links to creative ideas) we will all make the task of restoring the lake much easier to accomplish. The items emphasized above could be the catalyst to a complete and long lasting restorative effort.