



May 02, 2018

Dear Friends of Portage Lake:

Please join us for the spring meeting which will be hosted at Klines Resort, Thursday May 24 @ 6:00 PM. We will be providing pulled pork and chicken from The Dog House, formerly Finks IGA, and ask that you bring a dish to pass (salad or dessert) and bring your own table service.

Even with the special assessment district providing funds for invasive weed control, the activity of Friends of Portage Lake is critical to the work. The township depends on FOPL to review and approve the ongoing treatment programs. FOPL continues to oversee and review research and offer educational programs for the lake, and we sponsor the occasional social function.

Please note the following:

- **Special Assessment District:** The Mendon Township Board administrates the special assessment district funds for invasive weed control. Treatments are based on an annual weed survey and the recommendations of PLM Lake Management and our board.
- **2018 treatment program:** PLM Lake Management will survey Portage Lake in mid to late May and we hope to have results to share at the dinner.
- **Membership Dues:** We invite you to renew your membership in Friends of Portage Lake, or to become a member for the first time if you didn't join last year. The small annual membership fee of \$25 per home gives you a voice in decisions affecting our lake, and insures we remain vigilant and aware of the latest issues.

More information about our lake monitoring, education and community activities will be found in upcoming newsletters. Until then, please feel free to discuss our activities and plans with your board representative. Thank you for your continued support as we work to protect our great lake.

Spring is the time to renew your FOPL membership, we ask that you continue the support that allows us to continue our work by returning the attached form with you support in the amount of \$25.

**Sincerely,**

***Friends of Portage Lake Board***

Mark Parks, President, Kevin Hughes, Treasurer; Greg Dedes, Secretary, Chris Miller, Richard Flegel, Frank Peterman, Elayna Stierhoff





# 2018 Membership Information

## Friends of Portage Lake

Complete bylaws are available on-line at [www.friendsofportagelake.com](http://www.friendsofportagelake.com)

Friends of Portage Lake, Inc. is a not-for-profit Michigan Corporation. It is organized on a membership basis. In order to be a member, a person must meet all of the following qualifications:

1. Own or rent a lot or parcel with lake frontage on (or permanent recorded access to) Portage Lake in St. Joseph County, Michigan.
2. Be reasonably current in paying all dues and assessments (as “reasonably current” is determined by the Board of Directors). As a rule, this means dues must be paid by July 1 to vote at the annual meeting in September.

**Voting Rights.** Each lot or parcel which qualifies for membership and for which all dues/assessments are paid current shall have one (1) membership and only one (1) vote. If there is more than one owner of any such lot or parcel and they cannot all agree on their vote for a particular membership vote, the vote for that lot or parcel shall not count (i.e. a vote for a particular lot or parcel cannot be split or fractionalized).

**Multiple memberships:** If a landowner owns two or more full lots or parcels, each parcel or lot shall have one (1) membership if separate dues/assessments are paid for each lot or parcel owned. However, if the owner of two or more full lots or parcels desires to combine two or more of such lots or parcels for purposes of only paying the dues/assessment for one lot, then the landowner shall have only one (1) membership for such combined lots or parcels. However, the vote cannot be split between two voting areas.

**Voting areas:** Directors will be chosen to represent seven (7) areas around Portage Lake as follows:

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|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Davis Drive                             | East Shore Lane and north end | Klines Resort                      |
| Lake Avenue                             | Snug Harbor & Nancy Lane      | South end of lake & Rivolake Drive |
| One at large member chosen by the board |                               |                                    |

To the extent reasonably practical, each of these 7 areas shall be represented by one member of the Board of Directors. If there are 7 members of the Board of Directors, one member of the Board of Directors shall be elected from each of the 7 areas of the lake. If there are fewer than 7 members of the Board of Directors, reasonable efforts should be made for the membership of the Board of Directors to be as geographically representative of the 7 areas of the lake as possible.

*Contributions to Friends of Portage Lake, Inc. are NOT considered charitable contributions for income tax purposes.*

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### 2018 Membership Application/Renewal

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of qualifying parcel (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

This is a (check one);     Membership Renewal     New Membership     Additional Parcel

Voting area (check one):     Davis Drive     East Shore Lane and north end     Klines Resort

Lake Avenue     Snug Harbor & Nancy Lane     South end of lake & Rivolake Drive

*I/we certify that I/we currently own, rent or lease the above qualifying lot or parcel for membership in Friends of Portage Lake, Inc. I/we hereby apply for membership and agree to abide by its bylaws.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to “Friends of Portage Lake” & mail to:  
*Friends of Portage Lake, c/o Kevin Hughes, Treasurer*  
*22705 Davis Drive, Three Rivers, MI 49093*

Annual Dues:	\$ 25.00
Additional Contribution:	\$ _____
Total Enclosed:	\$ _____