



May 29, 2020

Dear Friends of Portage Lake:

Although our spring meeting has been canceled due to Covid-19, the importance of maintaining the invasive weed control program for Portage Lake has never been more important for those who enjoy this irreplaceable resource. Friends of Portage Lake continues to provide valuable direction and oversight to insure the funds raised through the special assessment district provide the greatest long term benefit. Our goals of research, education, cooperation and prevention continue as well.

Please note the following:

- **Special Assessment District:** Mendon Township administrates the collection and payment of special assessment district funds for invasive weed control. Treatments are based on an annual weed survey and the recommendations of PLM Lake Management and the FOPL board. Membership input is crucial to keep the board appraised of the degree of success being achieved from these treatments.
- **2020 treatment program:** PLM Lake Management has provided a treatment plan for the 2020 season. Property owners should have received a copy of this plan. Initial treatment was conducted in late May and will continue as needed through the summer months.
- **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.

Now is the time to renew your FOPL membership. Please complete and return the attached form with your support in the amount of \$25. Thank you for your continued support as we work to protect our great lake.

Sincerely;

Friends of Portage Lake Board:

Mark Parks – President Kevin Hughes – Treasurer
Rick Flegel – Secretary Gary Hawkins
Frank Peterman Shari Pluskis
Elayna Stierhoff





Membership Information

Friends of Portage Lake

Complete bylaws are available on-line at 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.

2020 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:	\$ _____