



Friendship Lake District

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A Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit Member



A word from Our Chairman:

Well once again it's close to being spring here in Wisconsin or as close to spring as we are going to get. I have already seen many loons out on the water along with many geese, soon the Herons will be back, and the Eagles and Osprey are still around. Hopefully everyone has had a good winter, and everyone is doing well in our Lake District. Things are moving along well to getting the dam repairs made with drawdown to begin on July 8th, and yes there will be fireworks this year. Watch the website for specific dates on the fireworks. This is going to be a summer of big changes on the lake as with the drawdown for repairs we will not have a lake full of water to enjoy for a good part of the summer, but we must all look at it in the sense that once it is done we will have our lake back to enjoy for many years to come and know that the dam will be safe. This summer there will be no harvesting done. We will also this summer be installing the ramp on our property for when we do resume harvesting to make it a safe way to remove weeds. We have all put a lot of time and effort into the progress that has been made over the past years to get where we are today and want to thank each and everyone involved. This will be the summer to get out and work on your shorelines. We will continue to keep the website updated with any news to be had. The spring fling is set along with some fun events that are planned.

Hope to see many of you soon.

Written by Bob Berry

Commissioner Chairman

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A word from our Secretary:

I am so happy that Spring has arrived. This past winter has been one of the coldest and snowiest Adams Friendship has experienced in over 25 years. On a very positive note the winter season allowed Friendship Lake District to complete the steps needed, finalizing the plans to repair the dam. In November, Peter Haug from Ayres Engineering completed the final specs and the plans were submitted to Wisconsin DNR for approval. Bid opening was available to contractors and was posted on January 15, 2019. On January 23, 2019 the DNR approved our dam project and issued the permit to proceed. Final bids were presented to our district on February 13, 2019 with Staab Construction from Marshfield noted as the apparent low bid. A total of four bids were submitted. At the end of February, the Wisconsin DNR approved the municipal dam grant and approved repairs in the amount of \$253,500.00, with a 50/50 cost sharing from the State of Wisconsin in the amount of \$126,750.00. On March 5, 2019, Friendship Lake District awarded Staab Construction the contract to complete the repairs in 2019. As of this publication the board will have met with Staab project manager and finalized the exact timeline for the project. As you know, the repairs require a complete draw down of Friendship Lake. We are planning to begin that process after the July 4th holiday with repairs planned for mid to late August. Please refer to our website www.friendshiplake.org for the latest updated information. As always, please reach out to any board member with your questions or concerns. If you have changed your address, email, or phone please get that information to me so I can update our master district membership. Happy Spring,

Karen Pokorny
Commissioner Secretary

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Upcoming Events

SPRING FLING!

Friends of Friendship Lake

Spring Fling

Come get to know your neighbors, enjoy some dinner and drinks and let the Friends of Friendship Lake honor you, as a member of the Friendship Lake District. Raffles and 50/50 will be available. **May 18, 2019** - Cash bar starts at 5pm, Buffet Dinner starting at 6:15pm at Connell's Cedar Shack. Contact Linda Moonan to RSVP by May 13. See below for contact information.

Friendship Lake Spring Fishing



Tournament with Castle Rock Bass Masters

A Fun Family Friendship Lake Fishing Tournament is scheduled for Saturday June 29, 2019. The Friendship Lake District is hosting this event together with the Castle Rock Bass Masters. Mr. Edward Aksamit from the Friendship Lake District is the chairman of this event along with Ron Waite (RJ) from Castle Rock Bass Masters. They are looking for raffle ideas, food service, prizes, and volunteers to serve on the planning committee.

This tournament was suggested as a great way to catch and keep a large amount of the fish prior to the full lake draw down scheduled to begin after July 4, 2019. The draw down is necessary to complete the extensive repairs to the Friendship Lake Dam during the month of August.

All proceeds from this event will go towards the cost of restocking the lake from private hatcheries. Additionally, the Friendship Lake District is eligible for a two-year fish restocking program with the DNR. That program does have restocking restrictions with limited fish species. The private hatcheries provide fish not included in the DNR program. Ed Aksamit can be reached at 623-640-2222 or via email at captwalli@yahoo.com. RJ Waite can be reached at 608-547-1637 or via email at ronsbody@frontier.com.

Please contact Ed or RJ as soon as possible to share your planning ideas and work on the committee for this very fun event.



Friends of Friendship Lake Brat Fry

The Brat Fry has been scheduled for July 3rd, held at County Market. The Friends of Friendship Lake are hosting this fundraiser. District members need to get involved and help. We will be selling bratwursts, soda, water, and baked goods. We need volunteers to grill, sell, and bake some goodies we can sell. We will need volunteers to sit at the booth. We will also have our t-shirts there and available to sell. Contact Linda Graf or Karen Pokorny for more information or to volunteer.

1st Hopefully, Annual Friendship Lake District – Dam Mulligans Golf Outing



Friendship Lake 1st Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser is scheduled for August 3, 2019, 2:00pm, Moundview Golf Course. Availability for 18 4-person teams. This event will be open to the community so make your reservations early. Cost of \$45 per person for golf, cart, and food. \$15 per person food only. We are all really excited about this event. This should prove to be a big fundraiser for the district. Not a golfer? That's ok, there will be plenty of other games going on to entertain you and a buffet dinner afterwards. Karen Pokorny is chairing this event and is looking for committee members, raffle basket donations, and workers to volunteer during the event. Please contact her at the contact information below.

Event Contact information:

Spring Fling: Linda Moonan, 608-403-1125;
mllin621@gmail.com

Fishing Tournament: Ed Aksamit, 623-640-2222;
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Brat Fry: Linda Graf, 608-339-2674;
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Golf Outing: Karen Pokorny, 414-840-2076;
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Featured District Member –

Meet Tom & Eva Steiskal



In 1992 Eva and Tom moved to Friendship from Oaklawn, Illinois to purchase what is known as Anchors Inn Resort. They had their eyes on the place for a long time. The resort has 5 units that sleep 2-5 people. The units have air conditioning, WiFi internet, cable TV, row boats and 6 docks, with picnic tables and grills for sitting out and enjoying the lake. This inside is furnished with everything you need to have a great time on the lake. There is also the beach and restaurant within walking distance of the property.

Tom and Eva have been married for 50 years and have 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Tom worked construction and Eva in an office. They would come to Friendship in the 70s and camp at Castle Rock Lake, what is now known as Northern Bay. This is how they discovered the resort and many other lakes. They get a thrill out of watching young children catching fish from the docks. Each year has been filled with joy and experiences that they share with their family, customers, new friends and neighbors. This is why they love it here. Next time you are in the area, stop by and say hi to them.



A word from our Treasurer:

Here are some numbers to show you where the money is and where it has gone.

NOW Checking	\$1,387.86
Money Market	113,354.47

The CD that we had, matured as of November 2018, so we moved that money, \$16,711.74 into the Money Market account for now so that we would have that monies available for the harvester ramp.

As of the end of March we have paid \$1,715 in legal fees.

Payments of \$811.02 a month towards the \$110,000 loan from Grand Marsh Bank for the purchase of the dam. As of April 8, 2019, the balance on loan is \$102,629.71.

We did receive payments from the Town of Adams, Town of Preston and the Village of Friendship for special charges.

Village of Friendship: owed \$18,064.38 paid \$ 6,909.44

Town of Preston: owed \$18,676.50, paid \$15,847.08

Town of Adams: owed \$22,423.75, paid \$21,223.40

The ongoing support from our community to repair the dam and restoring Friendship Lake has been outstanding. At this point we have received \$1000.00 from Adams County to be used towards the FLD 2019 dam repair project.

\$1713.00 allocated by Adams County Land and Water Department 50% grant match towards Friendship Lake fish stocking efforts. And \$3000.00 Township of Adams promise to be used towards the FLD 2019 dam repair project.

If you are looking for more detailed information, all the minutes for every meeting is listed on the website.

Written by Tina M Meinen
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Lake Management Advisory Group

A Friendship Lake Management Plan survey was last mailed out in 2013. It was one tool used to complete a major update to our plans which we finalized in 2014. A further minor plan revision was made in 2016. Under normal circumstances a property owner survey should go out every five years to gauge property owner concerns, and to recognize areas that need improvement. We had hoped to get that survey out this winter; however, the lengthy water level issues and now a major drain to repair the dam along with work on our harvester ramp has put this survey on hold until next winter. Once we have a reliable water level, we can gauge our property owner areas of concern before implementing management updates.

The extensive baseline information which gives a comprehensive overview of our land use and different soils, the water quality and critical habitat areas, and information on the Dam and fisheries and wildlife, plus additional areas of importance. The second part consists of goals and action items that the property owner advisory group members have oversight on and review periodically. This usually occurs approximately every five years. The purpose is to ensure that all DNR recommendations are in compliance and action dates have been met.

The advisory group works with the Adams County Land and Water Conservation Department on all proposed revisions to our Management Plans. We report to the board prior to any revisions being implemented. Upon reviewing current Goals and Actions, there are a couple of items that under normal circumstances would be addressed in real time for action. But because they depend on our ability to have a stable water level and a working harvesting operation those goals and actions are now put on hold. For instance, we are not able to repeat an aquatic plant survey or delve into specific harvesting actions.

We are able to use our website for education and updates, so for the time being education will be the advisory group focus. We will try to concentrate on those areas that property owners are responsible for maintaining, such as boat ramps and shoreline erosion issues. One of the Outside Shoreland Area goals is to conduct a tour of cranberry and other agriculture production operations to demonstrate best management practices. This will be something we will work on with Land and Water to see if this can be arranged for next fall.

Report submitted by Linda Moonan

Dam Acquisition Timeline

We've come a long way and have accomplished a lot!!

September 2016 FLD Annual Meeting Approved Attorney & Spend \$50,000

April 2017 Dam Appraisal at \$110,000.00

May 2017 FLD Special Meeting Approved Condemnation

June 2017 Relocation Order Served to Chuck Pheiffer

September 2017 FLD Annual Meeting Approved Increase Special Charges, Mil Rate, and Spending \$300,000.00 for purchase of \$110,000.00 and \$190,000.00 in repairs.

Jurisdictional Offer Served to Chuck Pheiffer

October 2017 Restraining Order Issued by Chuck Pheiffer to Friendship Lake District

Judge lifts Restraining Order per Condemnation Statutes

November 2017 Amended Jurisdictional Offer Served to Chuck Pheiffer

Comprehensive Title Search per Wisconsin Statutes

January 2018 Award of Damages Served to Chuck Pheiffer with payment check for \$110,000.00

January 31, 2018 Friendship Lake Dam Deed transferred to FLD by Clerk of Courts

February 2018 Ayres Engineering Hired Dam Inspection and Dam Failure Analysis

Grant Applications submitted to WE-Energies & Alliant Energy

March 2018 Ayres Engineering Reports an estimate of \$200,000 in Dam repairs

April 2018 FLD Board approved and signed DNR Municipal Dam Grant Application

DNR accepts Ayres Engineering Dam Inspection Report and Dam Failure Analysis reporting. DNR assigns temporary High Hazard Dam rating for Friendship Dam. DNR Orders Village of Friendship and Adams County to update flood plain mapping. DNR will permanently apply Significant Hazard Dam rating once that is completed.

June 2018 DNR Approves Permit to Operate Friendship Lake Dam by the Friendship Lake District. FLD Board Approves Resolution to Include IOM (Inspection, Operations, and Maintenance) of Friendship Lake Dam into Lake District Documents.

July 2018 DNR 50/50 Municipal Dam Grant Awarded to Friendship Lake District for an estimate of \$81,850.00

DNR Administrative Repair Update Order with completion of repairs by December 31, 2019. Ayres Engineering Contracted for Engineering Design and Process for DNR Grant Program. Notice from Village of Friendship and Attorney Flanagan Public Hearing and Notice Proceed with Updating flood plain mapping to be held by August 6, 2018.

August 2018 Village of Friendship approves updated flood plain mapping and submitted to DNR.

September 2018 Annual Meeting Ayres Engineering presents draft specs for repairs to the dam. FLD approves IOM and voted into district bylaws. Bylaws amended to new 2018 and voted by property owners at annual meeting.

November 2018 Ayres Engineering files final specs to the DNR for approval and permit to proceed with municipal dam grant repairs in 2019.

January 2019 Posting of bids by Ayres Engineering for DNR municipal dam repairs. (January 15, 2019)

January 23, 2019 DNR Approved Dam Repair Project and Permit Issued to Proceed with Bid Process

January 28, 2019 Non-Mandatory contractor pre-bid site meeting at the dam

February 13, 2019 Bid Acceptance Closes at 11:00am

February 2019 DNR Approved Municipal Dam Final Qualified Costs of \$253,500.00 with 50/50 cost Share amount of \$126,750.00

March 13, 2019 Staab Construction Corporation awarded contract for Friendship Dam Repairs lowest qualified bidder \$217,000.00

April 1, 2019 Initial Pre-construction meeting with Staab Construction

July 5, 2019 or after begin drawdown of Friendship Lake for Dam Repairs exact date to be determined

August 2019 – September 2019 Tentative Dam Repair dates

