

Fenton's Pine Lake Homeowners' Association Meeting Notes May 20, 2025

Glad to see neighbors and thanks to all that attended the Homeowners Meeting. We appreciate your time and sharing of ideas and taking an active part in supporting our lake.

Welcome and intro of board members by president Chad Herrick, Mike Chappo, Vice President; Steve Fisher Treasurer; Sue Ward Secretary; Ed Bernice Director; Tom Martin Director. Homeowners introduced themselves.

Treasurer's Report: Steve reported approximately \$3,861 currently in account. About 31% of people have paid dues so far.

There is still time to pay dues, please send \$40 to pay 2025 dues to our Treasurer, checks Fenton's Pine Lake Association, 5068 Island View, Linden 48451. We will work on alternative ways for next year to make paying easier. We needed to raise dues because of increased costs and we operated in the red part of last year.

Thanks to those who paid their dues for the support of our lake!

Communication:

Website: Steve has created a Website: www.pinelakelinden.org

We will have news about the lake, Events, Pictures. This will be great for communicating. You can send the board a message and pictures through this site.

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/fentonpinelakehomeowners>

Emails with updates and issues from PineLakePropertyAssoc@yahoo.com

Pine Lake brochure: We have updated with contact names, Michigan Law, Fenton Township Law and General information, events, and will get that to all homeowners.

Fish Stocking: We stocked Blue Gill, Black Crappie and Perch last fall. We will plan on another stocking in the fall of 25. We budget about \$1300 for fish stocking each year. In the past we have had hybrid blue gill, walleye etc. Last year we also had donations from

Fishing tournament winners to go toward buying extra fish. We have stocked Walleye in the past but not conducive on our lake.

There is a free fishing weekend June 7 and 8th.

2025 Activities: Fishing tournament July 26th 8 am to 12. Measure at Todd's house with big fish flag on Eleanor. There are prizes in different categories. Stay tuned for details and to register. Tom Martin and Todd coordinators. Look for signs in the subs.

Poker Run and Pontoon Picnic: July 26th Beginning at 3 pm, there will be docks on the lake with a Tiki Umbrella where you can pick up a card to get a 5-card poker hand.

Afterward, around 4pm, boats will tie together on the lake and prizes for best poker hands. Bring a dish to share.

Needed: volunteers to hand out cards on the docks. So far, we need about 3 more people.

Community Picnic:

We are having **our 2nd annual Community Picnic** Open House! Scheduled for **Saturday, August 16th from 1 to 3 pm**

It will be at our generous hosts yard, Frank and Janie Giblin, 4482 Eleanor Drive. Bring your own chairs and come join us for community fun. The association will provide some food and we can all bring a dish to pass and get together as lake homeowners.

More details to follow.

Let us know if you want to volunteer to assist with this picnic.

Ideas for other lake activities:

Have a grand parent's day and get kids out on the lake.

Decorate Boats: Boat parade maybe around Labor Day

Lake Clean up and Dumpster scheduled **June 6th, 7th 8**, and probably a few more days. It will be at the Whitaker Road Maintenance building. No hazardous waste.

Please pitch in a pick up any debris to keep our neighborhoods looking good.

Weed control: The board had Lake Pro, now Tigris Aquatic Service, get the permit for weed control early in season, they did a lake survey to identify treatment areas and we had a treatment for algae as well as the other weeds on 5-12-25. Next treatment will be determined based on weed growth etc., probably mid to late June. We will follow up in August. Please check posted signs for restrictions.

We have started a new 3-year contract with current company. The Township collects the tax for each homeowner on the lake to pay for lake treatments.

If homeowners have any issues, they should contact a board member.

We have mainly a kettle lake from natural runoff with a few springs. Nutrients go into the lake and mud builds up and muck. When you water out of the lake that takes our water level down. It not necessary to water lawn every day.

"A combination of warm temperatures, sunlight, and nutrient-rich waters can cause blue-green algae to reproduce rapidly, or "bloom." If you want to read more about this: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/blue-green-algae>

Boat Access and Easement:

After investigation and research, there is not a way to launch your boat with any previous ways. Please seek alternatives. Ask a friend or neighbor if you can use their yard or pay them to launch your boat.

Harp Easement is deeded to some owners on Harp Drive. This is only for those deeded owners. This is for ingress and egress travel and cannot be used for dockage, permanent boat moorage, storage of equipment etc. The deeded owners said they would have a liability issue and since it's a shared easement, they cannot allow others to use the easement.

Homeowners Responsibilities:

Review of Lake rules: No Speeding, Fishing Rules, need to Register and have MC numbers on boats. Some concern over boats not being registered.

For EGLE and permitting information 517-241-1554 They should be contacted for permits for putting in sand etc. Frequently asked questions: <https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/egle/Documents/Programs/WRD/ANC/faq.pdf?rev=cd88fa65c0043d39fe876785141fbb7>

If any landscaping or construction is being done, a barrier is required to be put up to prevent problems in the lake.

No raking leaves or putting grass clippings into the lake. The nutrient phosphorus from leaves fuels the growth of algae, including toxic algae. Also leaves, grass clippings and similar debris add nutrients to the water that use up precious oxygen as they decompose. There should be a buffer to keep Fertilizers out of lake. 50 feet from shoreline for property owner fertilizer application, 25 feet for Commercial Fertilizer application. See Ordinance Fenton Township #545.

If any problems on the lake, get Boat registration MC numbers, video the problem, if something actively happening can call 911 or Sheriff's office there is a Marine Patrol out on weekends mainly that can come out and talk to the person. There were reported issues of a boat coming too close to other boats and harassing boats.

Genesee County Sheriff Non-emergency # 810-257-3422; Marine Division 810-257-3176

The orange buoy is marking large underwater rocks in the lake.

Board Elections: All directors are up for reelection except Steve. Chad Herrick was reelected President and Sue Ward, Secretary for 2-year term from 2024 meeting.

We voted and reelected all directors. We elected a new board member Joanne Collick. Welcome Joanne!

General Info/Issues:

VRBO: There are houses on the lake that are using VRBO for rentals. Vacation Rental By Owner rentals must adhere to township rules for these short-term rentals. Right now, they are not allowed to use and power boats, only kayaks or canoes. Rentals must be at least 30 days.

DNR: The DNR came out during ice fishing tournament and checked licenses and that they were guests of lake owners or owners.

Fishing Issue: A homeowner brought up a situation where they were fishing near another homeowner's dock which is allowed. The homeowner called the police and so did they. It is legal to do this as long as the boat is at no wake speed or floating.

"In Michigan, the public has the right to fish in navigable waters, including near a riparian owner's property, as long as it doesn't interfere with the riparian owner's use of their property or their access to the water."

All agreed to be respectful of swimming areas or not touching another person's dock when fishing.

Preserve good Ecosystem: Suggestions to have a flyer with bullet points tips on keeping a good ecosystem on our lake

There was a class through MSU to take that reviews keep cattails, don't mow grass clippings or get fertilizer in lake and other rules and tips. More details to follow on this.

Thank you! Fenton Pine Lake Homeowners Association

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Notes by Secretary Sue Ward