



Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District Newsletter

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OCONTO NEWS

The seven northernmost towns in Oconto County have a new agreement for a deputy to patrol the region and also a new deputy.

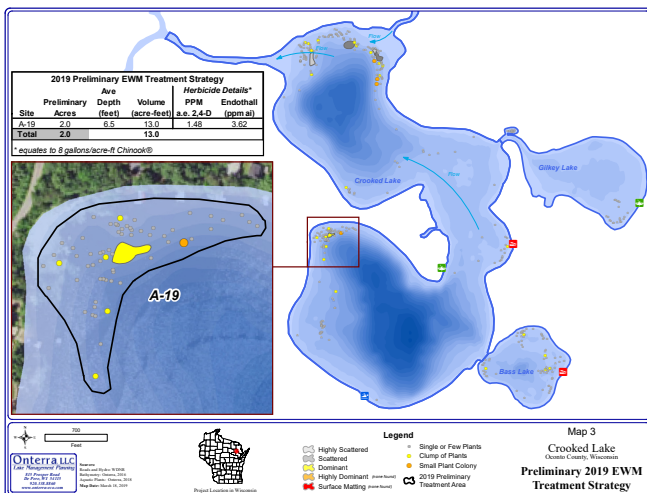
Ben Schindel, who served in the job since its inception last April, is returning to a regular position as a patrol deputy on the night shift.

He will be succeeded by Deputy **Jim Plotkin**, who joined the sheriff's office last September after more than 13 years with the West Allis Police Department. Skarban said Plotkin, who lives near Townsend, will do an excellent job in "a very demanding" position.

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE

Don't forget that the district is on Facebook (LIKE the page), we have a website (<http://crookedlakewi.org/>), and if you have any concerns or questions, please use the crooklake@gmail.com email address. If you have a new email address, please send it to the district e-mail. If you just got an e-mail address, please send that to us, too. We can then e-mail you the newsletter instead of mailing it out.

HERBICIDE TREATMENT - The Board has requested and received a permit to perform herbicide (chemical) treatment of Eurasian Watermilfoil. The permit is using a new aquatic herbicide for approximately two acres in the southwest corner of Crooked Lake. (See map at the left).



Note: Hand harvesting will not be used for 2019 at this time.

AGENDA for MAY 25, 2019, ANNUAL MEETING 9 a.m. at the Wally Remic, Jr. Community Center

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approve Agenda

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Lake Management Plan

Mechanical Harvesting

Educational Activity

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

Other Business

Election of Board Members

Golf Cart Ordinance Status

Adjournment

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

1. We are in need of volunteers to man the boat landings this season for Clean Boats/Clean Water.
2. For mechanical harvesting operation.
3. New board members.

MECHANICAL HARVESTING - We are developing a mechanical harvesting program and input from our members would be appreciated (contact the Website or Curt at curthoffman@gmail.com).

LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHY?

- Understanding of the lake attributes
- Foster expectations and dispel myths
- Snapshot of lake for future reference
- WDNR requires current and approval for management and future grants



GOALS:

1. Control Existing and Prevent Further Aquatic Invasive Species Infestations within Crooked Lake Area Lakes
2. Maintain Current Water Quality Conditions
3. Increase Capacity to Communicate with Lake Stake Holders and Facilitate Partnerships with other Management Entities
4. Maintain Navigability
5. Improve Lake and Fishery Resource



SUMMARY OF PROJECT CONCLUSIONS: WATER QUALITY

- Great for head water drainage lake
- Need more data for trending
- Water clarity slightly decreasing
- Zebra mussel monitoring and impact

WATER SHED AND IMMEDIATE SHORELINE

- In great shape, supports water quality
- High degree of shoreline development
- Increase habitat value in shoreline areas

AQUATIC PLANTS

- EWM & CLP have been managed
- Native plant community healthy
- A few native species periodically a nuisance

ZEBRA MUSSEL MONITORING



(Spotted in Crooked Lake) - A small number of zebra mussels were identified by the shore near where The Pines Restaurant was located.

The zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) is a small bivalve originally native to the Caspian Sea region. Zebra mussels reached North America in the mid-1980s in the ballast water of a ship. They rapidly became established in the Great Lakes and the waters draining them.

