

**Board Members Present:** Tom De Santis, Bob Parrett, Patte Day, Larry D'Angelo, and Joan Cooper.

**Residents Present:** Don Day, Robert Schiff, Jean Schiff, Ken Jankowski, Vicki Zellinger, Debi Parrett, John Hill, and Sean Whelan

**Government Officials Present:** Mike Kowall (State Senator, 15th District), Jim Runestad (State Representative, 44th District)

**DNR Boat Launch:** Tom De Santis reported that we had a productive meeting on September 2, 2015 with representatives from the DNR, Oakland County Sheriff, Oakland County Road Commission, and Legislators Mike Kowall and Jim Runestad.

Tom passed out and discussed a recent letter he had received from Jordan Byelich (DNR Waterways Development Program Manager). Their design guideline is to allow public access for approximately 1 boat per 15 acres of lake surface area. The letter went on: "There are a number of other factors looked at as well such as lake depths, presence of wetlands, land topography, number of public boating access sites on the lake currently, boating registrations in the region/county, population centers nearby, and others."

The DNR does not yet have plans developed for the expansion of the parking lot at the boat launch. We will be invited to review the plans at the appropriate time. Mike Kowall reported that the DNR historically is extremely slow in this process, as well as needing an appropriations bill to pass the Senate to fund the process.

Mike Kowall also reported that he will be meeting with the DNR Director later this week, and will be discussing this project, as well as the need for buoys in 2 areas of White Lake.

Bob Parrett reported on a discussion that he had with the head of the homeowners' association on Union Lake. They are the only other lake in Oakland County with a parking lot across the street from the boat launch. The DNR has purchased a property adjacent to that boat launch, and has torn down a structure on that property. Just like White Lake, the DNR is in the project design phase and is waiting on further appropriations.

**Dredging Project:** Patte Day passed out a detailed handout describing the project and scheduling. Staging will begin next week, with dredging starting on October 1st.

Because of changes in the dredging process, we are able to complete the entire project area originally proposed, complete it more than a year ahead of time, and come in under the original SAD budget from 2012. Both the contractor and engineering company are willing to accept deferred compensation in order to make this happen.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Parrett, Communications Director