



# Potter Lake News

## Autumn, 2024

### A Word from the Chair

In our first newsletter this year, I talked about how I knew we were all anticipating a great summer on the lake. What a GREAT summer recreational season we had!! Our water levels were ideal for the entire season, and the weather was mostly conducive to quality time on the lake. Autumn is fast-approaching, and though we will not be able to spend time on the water, we can look forward to beautiful views as the trees turn.

The Potters Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District has had a busy year as well! In this newsletter you will find information on:

- Progress on the dam
- Highlights of the Annual Meeting
- New PLPRD commissioner
- Shoreline plantings
- New website launch

Enjoy the beauty of fall on the lake,  
Cathy Schulz, PLPRD Chairperson  
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### Potter Lake Dam

We have a new dam! It has been fascinating to watch the process. Ayers (consulting, design and engineering) and CW Purpero (construction) met with us on October 7, 2024 to explain the operation and maintenance, and signed off on the project. Thank you to everyone for your support. The dam will maintain Potter Lake at proper water levels for years to come. This edition of the newsletter shows the change from old to new!

### PLPRD Updates

The Annual Meeting of the Potters Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on September 11, 2024. All board members were present, as well as 25 constituents.

The 2025 budget was approved by the homeowners. The electors also approved to dissolve and move away from our bylaws to solely operate under Wisconsin State Statute, Chapter 33 and other state laws with added policies and procedures. Links to Chapter 33, policies and procedures, and resolutions will be accessible on the webpage.

Lake and Pond Solutions, LLC sampled water from Potter Lake three times this summer. The summary of the data shows that the water quality and clarity of Potter Lake does not appear to have changed much from previous years, with the exception of the Chlorophyll a, which was quite high in August. This is probably due to the higher rainfall and heat during this time. During the discussion of the lake conditions, the subject of zebra mussels came up, with many wondering if anything can be done about this invasive species. As you can read in this information from the [DNR on Zebra Mussels](#), once zebra mussels have entered a water body, there is little that can be done to control them.

### PLPRD Commissioners

#### Elected Commissioners

Chairperson: Cathy Schulz (2024-2026)  
Secretary: Bob Rice (2022-2024)  
Chuck DeWall (2025-2027)  
Treasurer: Bill Roeber (2023-2025)

#### Appointed Commissioners:

Walworth County Representative:  
MaryJo Jones  
Town of East Troy Representative:  
Elizabeth Sanders

See [Commissioners](#) page on the Potter Lake website for contact information.

## Welcome Chuck DeWall

As most are aware, Bob Rice has retired from the board after 17 years of service. We appreciate all Bob has accomplished in that time. Chuck DeWall has been elected to serve as Secretary, beginning in 2025. Here is an introduction from Chuck:

*The DeWall Family has lived in East Troy since 1994 and we moved onto Potter Lake in 2016. My wife (Beth) of 41 years succumbed to cancer in 2021 after a two-year battle.*

*My daughter, Tiffany, lives in Bodicote, England with her husband, Harry, and daughters Evelyn (7) and Arabella (3.5), hence the addition of the Union Jack and Royal Navy flags. My son, Christopher, lives in Brookfield, WI with his wife, Angi, and two sons Jackson (6) and Hudson (4). If you take a cruise around the lake, you've likely seen the kids around the colorful Adirondack chairs by the sand.*

*Although I started with a biology/environmental degree, I've earned my MBA and worked from supply chain and logistics to new product development for multiple industries, including a military sub supplier, automotive, pharmaceutical, and lawn and garden.*

*I look forward to joining the Potter Lake Committee and helping protect your investment in the quiet gem we have at Potter Lake.*

## Native Shoreline Plants

Many Potter Lake homeowners have expressed an interest in cultivating their shorelines with native plants. Landscaping along a body of water presents some unique challenges. To protect the quality of the lake and value of your property, you will want to consider plants that will help prevent erosion of the shoreline, deter those pesky geese, and not take up a lot of time and money to maintain! The Walworth County website contains a wealth of information on lake-living. One resource is a very thorough guide to planting a [Native Shoreline Garden](#). This document is one of many resources found in the [Lakeshore Resource Guide for Walworth County](#) (Google Doc).



## Update on New Website

We have made good progress on the design and organization of the webpage. Right now, content for each section is being completed. The hope is that the site will be more user-friendly and interactive. Important information on Potter Lake and the work of the Potters Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District will be the focus. However, older information that is currently on our website will also be available. One big change will be the email addresses for commissioners – each position will have an email address that will be transferred to the current commissioners – no more personal email addresses. The potterslake@gmail.com address will transfer to the new secretary's email. The hope is to launch the site around the end of this month. Once it is ready to roll out, you will receive an email with that information. It will have the same website address as our current website: potterslake.org. Once the site is launched, please do take the time to check it out and provide feedback and/or suggestions!

## Upcoming Events/ Dates to Remember

**Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 9:00 AM**  
PLPRD Spring Meeting

**Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM**  
PLPRD Budget & Annual Meetings

Meetings are held at the Town of East Troy, Town Hall,  
N9330 Stewart School Road

Original Dam



Prepping the site and removal of the old dam



Construction of our new dam



Completed new dam

