



# THE BROWER *News*

## Your Newly Elected Big Brower Lake Board!

The 2019 Big Brower Lake Improvement Association annual meeting was held at the Association pavilion on August 20. Three members were re-elected to the board: Jackie Dangl, Kevin Jacot, and Shawn Marks. Steve Cilek and Mike Farrar will serve as board alternates. Thanks for your willingness to serve.

At the latest board meeting after the annual meeting,  
the following slate of officers was presented and approved:

**President:** Ingrid Jensen  
**VP:** Lorraine Nykun  
**Treasurer:** Michael Wilson  
**Secretary:** Jackie Dangl  
**Technical Officer:** Wendy Mersman

Please don't hesitate to  
contact your board member.  
Their phone numbers or email  
addresses are listed at the  
end of this newsletter.

*Congratulations!*



# Water Quality Report

by Frank Walejewski

## End of Summer Report

I hope everyone had a fun summer. It was late to get here (July?!) and is looking like it may leave us too soon. The type of weather we had added to the usual challenges we have when trying to balance sufficient weed control for recreational use with maintaining a healthy ecosystem in our lake. Then we had the storm triggered oil spill to contend with.

I gave a report at the annual meeting this year but for those of you who couldn't be there, here are some highlights:

**Financial report:** \$125 collected, per riparian rights household, fall assessment only. \$14,250 per year.  
\$22,950.69 beginning balance.  
\$18,226.00 in treatments & DEQ Fees.  
\$4,724.69 is our end of summer balance.

\*Note that assessment is structured to maintain a \$10-15,000 balance for a major treatment for which we were unable to this year. We will need to discuss at our fall township lake board meeting to look at our options. The feedback I've received to date is that we are doing an increasingly better job. If you have any feedback, feel free to send me an email.

The spring survey with Jason went well with only the usual amount of winter growth visible. I continued to clarify with PLM our expectations for weed control.

### There were 4 major treatments this year:

5/21/2019-Eurasin Milfoil, Curly leaf pond weed, Algae, and Starry stone wort.

6/19/2019-More of above as well as Large leaf pond weed, and Illinois pond weed.

7/24/2019-Eel grass (has the spiral blossoms), Starry stone wort, Eurasin Milfoil, and Filamentous Algae.

8/14/19-Eel Grass, Starry Stone Wort, Phragmites, & Purple Loose Strife.

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## Pig Roast Sunday, October 20, 2019 2:00pm

Please come to a Pig Roast  
at the Association Lot!

There is no cost for this fun event.

Please bring your own chairs and drinks.

We will also have pumpkins for carving and decorating,  
as well as all the carving tools.

We hope to see you and your families on the 20th!

## Fall Open Gate

Similar to the "open gate" days we had in the Spring for boat launching, the gate will be open from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20 for boat removal. There is no need to make an appointment with a keyholder for these times. If these times don't work for you, please make an appointment with a keyholder in advance for your boat removal. Following is the list of **keyholders**:

Greater availability during the week days, in addition to after work hours and on weekends:

Diana and Jim Lucchese	616-874-3127 616-808-1361 (cell)
Jerry Peterson	616-874-6807
Mike Riley	616-874-7881
Don Shields	616-262-3423
Scott Wingler	616-874-8885
Shawn Marks	989-430-0715
Russ Marks	989-600-1512

Less availability during week day hours but greater availability after work hours and weekends:

Doug Baumann	616-874-6809
Jeff Case	616-540-6855
Steve Cilek	616-340-2479
Jackie Dangl	616-299-1745
Mike Havemeier	616-980-6880
Kerri Herweyer	616-901-8122
Kevin Jacot	989-737-1362
Ingrid Jensen	616-915-2273
Renee Lobert	616-446-1010
Lorraine Nykun	616-822-8596
Mike Wilson	248-561-9933
Dan and Melanie Yff	616-874-6407

The following **marinas/companies** have a key to the gate. If you store your boat with one of them or the company removes and/or puts your boat in, please make arrangements directly with your company for removal or put-in.

Murray Lake Marina 616-897-4116    Rhynard's Pontoons 616-754-7634    Waterland Marine 616-754-7634

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### 2019 Lake check measurements:

- April checks 2018 to 2019 very similar. Dissolved oxygen good. Nitrogen and Phosphorus slightly lower. Alkaline remained stable
- August checks 2018 to 2019 show slightly improved oxygen. No E. coli issues, Low dissolved salts, slightly alkaline, slightly phosphorus enriched, not nitrogen enriched.

**Closing thoughts:** It appears that the pre-emptive strike on eel grass might have worked this year to keep the spiral blossoms down through the Labor day weekend. Comments?

We noticed our water became turbid much earlier than in years past. The biologist and I are keeping an eye on it and are thinking it had something to do with the non-typical weather we had. Hopefully, our lake will return to normal next year. If not, we'll dig deeper. We did discuss some possibilities already.

Our focus this year was again on maintaining good control. Any comments?

The township lake board will look into drafting a process should anything like the oil spill we had this summer occur again (hopefully not) to see if we can obtain even quicker response from those companies responsible for containment and cleanup.

## Our New Neighbors

### Kevin & Veronica Antel 8796 Brower Lake

Kevin and Veronica Antel from Ada/Rockford area. We have been married 19 years. Kev is from northern MI and I am from the Detroit area. We have two children, Ben, a sophomore and Juliana, a Freshmen at Rockford. We have a big black friendly dog named Ryder. We are excited to be here at the Lake! It already feels like home!

## Classifieds

2016 Sea Doo Wake 155 - 35 hours  
Cover, trailer and lift included \$8,000  
If interested, email windsrn@gmail.com

## Lake Directory

Looking for an address for a Big Brower Lake resident? Please see the website, [bigbrowerlake.com](http://bigbrowerlake.com), for an updated Lake Directory. If you have any changes or are a new lake resident, please email Wendy at [wendy@bigbrowerlake.com](mailto:wendy@bigbrowerlake.com) to update your information.

## Pontoon Trailer Rental

If you need to use the association's pontoon trailer, please schedule a time with Ingrid Jensen at 915-2273. The rates for the pontoon trailer rental are tiered. For those who rent the pontoon trailer to use around the lake, the rate is \$35.00. Any rental requiring travel to another area the rate will be \$50.00. Please have payment ready when you pick up the trailer for use.

The lake residents have been divided up into eight sections and a board member is assigned to the following sections.

Jeff Case	8348-8481 Je-Ne-Be Dr.
Jackie Dangl	8585-8720 Brower Lake Dr.
Ingrid Jensen	8659-8851 Je-Ne-Be Dr. 8405-8470 Oakview
Renee Lobert	8843-8955 Je-Ne-Be Dr. 8820 Ne St.
Shawn Marks	8735-8888 Brower Lake Dr.
Lorraine Nykun	8493-8651 Je-Ne-Be Dr.
Kevin Jacot	8450-8582 Brower Lake Dr.
Michael Wilson	8402-8436 Brower Lake Dr. 8315-8344 Je-Ne-Be Dr. 8446 & 8453 Brower Ave.



### Need an inexpensive idea for your guest?

Contact your board member to get yours today! They are only \$10.00 or 2 for \$15.00 and you will be helping out your association.



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[www.bigbrowerlake.com](http://www.bigbrowerlake.com)

## BIG BROWER LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

### Board of Directors

#### President:

Ingrid Jensen	915.2273	<a href="mailto:ijensen@clarkhill.com">ijensen@clarkhill.com</a>
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#### Vice President:

Lorraine Nykun	884.5660	<a href="mailto:lorraine.nykun@gmail.com">lorraine.nykun@gmail.com</a>
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#### Secretary

Jackie Dangl	299.1745	<a href="mailto:jcdangl@yahoo.com">jcdangl@yahoo.com</a>
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#### Treasurer

Mike Wilson	248.561.9933	<a href="mailto:michael@cardusinc.com">michael@cardusinc.com</a> -- 8570 Je-Ne-Be Drive, Rockford, MI 49341
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#### Technical Officer

Wendy Mersman	940.4598	<a href="mailto:wendy@bigbrowerlake.com">wendy@bigbrowerlake.com</a>
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Kevin Jacot	989.73.1362	<a href="mailto:jacotk@progressiveae.com">jacotk@progressiveae.com</a>
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#### Board Alternates

Steve Cilek	340.2479	<a href="mailto:cilek@chartermi.net">cilek@chartermi.net</a>
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Mike Farrar	430.9693	<a href="mailto:farrarmichael@yahoo.com">farrarmichael@yahoo.com</a>
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### Volunteers

#### Neighborhood Watch

Wendy Mersman	940-4598
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#### Township Lake Board

Ingrid Jensen	915-2273
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Frank Walejewski	460-4225
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#### Township Sewer Board

Bill Dykstra	874-1234
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#### Water Quality Monitors

Ingrid Jensen	915-2273
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Frank Walejewski	460-4225
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#### Newsletter & Website

Wendy Mersman	940-4598
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#### Welcome Hostess

Shawn Marks	989-430-0715
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