

LITTLE PINE LAKE ASSOCIATION

June 20, 2025 Newsletter

P. O. Box 62, Perham, MN 56573

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LPLA BOARD MEMBERS

OFFICERS 2025

Ken Krajsa – President 2024-2025

Bob Kochmann – Vice President 2024-2025

Andi Bucholz – Secretary 2024-2025

Kay Harper – Treasurer 2025-2026

BOARD MEMBERS

Randy Long – Elected 2025

Andi Bucholz – Elected 2023

Ray Ehly – Reelected 2025

Kay Harper – Elected 2024

Jon Chose – Elected 2025

Ryan Jundt – Elected 2023

Bob Kochmann – Elected 2024

Daryl Kowitz – Reelected 2024

Ken Krajsa – Elected 2023

Gary Layman – Elected 2023

John Martodam – Re-elected 2025

Madge Murphy – Re-elected 2024

Mark Sivertson – Elected 2024

Board Members are elected to serve a 3-year term. 4
Officers are elected by the Board to serve a 1-year
term.

The board will be seeking new members next
year. Please consider for yourself or someone
you know!

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mary Bader and Jason Jundt
for their years of service to the Little Pine
Lake Association!

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SUMMER EVENTS REMINDER

Ring of Peace – Thursday, July 3rd – After
dusk, light luminaria bags!

Sand Sculpture – Friday, July 4th Paul Miller
Park – 10AM

Boat Parade – Friday, July 4th Paul Miller
Park – 1PM Clockwise rotation. Check in at
Paul Miller Park to get a boat number!

2025 Themes: *Patriotic, Winter in July*

Annual LID Meeting – Saturday, July 26th
9 a.m. Big Pine Lodge

Breakfast on the Farm – Sat. Aug 2, 2025
7 am-12 pm, Palubicki Farms, Perham.

LPLA Best Ball Golf Tournament – August
9th – Lakeside 10:00 AM tee time. Contact
Jason Jundt (701.941.0951) or Daryl Kowitz
(218.443.0537) to register a team

LPLA Picnic – August 9th – 4:00-6:00PM at
Zorbaz. Bring a dessert to share!

LPLA 2025 BEACH CAPTAINS

Carol Schmitz - 44270 N Little Pine Rd

Cliff Weber - 45563 Red Pine Trail

Randy Long- 44605 Yellow Pine Dr

Jeff Dolby - 47037 Benny Lane

Jon Chose - 43842 N Little Pine Rd

Rob Evans - 45310 N Little Pine Rd

Ken Krajsa - 45518 N. Little Pine RD

Mark Halbakken - 46611 Benny Lane

Ryan & Jason Jundt - 44633 Yellow Pine Dr

Terri Haugen - 46216 Little Pine Loop

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2025 annual meeting was held at 9 am
on Saturday, June 14th at Lakeside Golf Club

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with 55+ in attendance. President Ken Krajsa introduced the Guest Speakers: Krysten Foster, OTC Engineer; Nick Kludt, MN DNR, and Luke Schalekamp DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor.

The speakers were here to provide LPLA members an opportunity to meet the lead team members as the start to a Hwy 51 Culvert Project begins. This project will encompass collaborative efforts of data collection and analysis from OTC Engineers and their contracted partner Houston Engineering, DNR officials, and MN DOT. A yearly assessment from the County Highway Department and MN DOT determined the culvert needed attention as it has been deteriorating over time. Ms. Foster indicated there is no timeline for the project yet with possibilities as early as 2027 but most likely within the next 5 years. Fieldwork for data collection will be completed this summer, permits will be obtained when the scope of the work is known, and funding support obtained through the MN DOT state allocations/grant funds. Nick Kludt discussed the culvert in relationship to fish movement with water flows, and currents to vegetative growths. There will be meetings late summer/early fall for public input. Also, information was provided on possible causes for the recently noticeable fish die off in Little Pine. Luke indicated it is hard to determine without timely specimen analysis.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mark Sivertson. The \$12,000 reserve fund for invasive species remains, with \$11,820.19 in the general fund for an account total of \$23,820.19. Cash Flow, check register and

bank statement docs were presented. As of 6/14/2025, 147 members had paid with more expected. 2024 had 202 paid members!

Daryl Kowitz, LPLA and LID Board Member, provided updates on the LID which included: An increase in camping sites for Big Pine Resort along with gas availability on the lake, water quality testing continues to show good results. Two sites are monitored on both Big Pine and Little Pine Lake. The Annual LID meeting is in July, and all are encouraged to attend.

Andi Bucholz provided information on the boat parade, and members were encouraged to submit ideas for the 2026 Fun Theme (see information on the last page regarding voting).

Ken Krajsa reported on his work with the Perham Rotary Club regarding the Boy Scout Cross lighting. Plans are to change lighting from solar to hard-wired.

John Martodam updated members on the new possession limits for crappies (5), and sunfish (10). State DNR fishery officials are working on walleye limits for all MN lakes. The DNR will be doing a netting count on Little Pine Lake in Sept. 2025.

Dan Bucholz, OTC Commissioner for District 1, gave updates on the following items: county allocations from the state had not yet been determined, EMS funding remains an issue throughout the county with possible state allocations coming to OTC, Otter Express will increase services throughout the county, County Rd 8 from The Market to the Dairy Queen will be resurfaced in 2026, a new county garage in Perham will be completed fall 2025, and a

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bypass lane on County Road 8 and the golf course road will be completed this fall.

10:00 AM. You are responsible for green fees. Contact Jason Jundt (701.941.0951) or Daryl Kowitz (218.443.0537) to register a team by July 31st!

2025 BOAT PARADE

The LPLA Boat Parade is on July 4th at Paul Miller Park at 1PM. There are 2 Themes: Patriotic, Winter in July. The parade will go in a Clockwise rotation. For decorations to be seen, place them on the left side of boats. Please check in with the lead boat to get a laminated number. Prizes will be awarded for the top two boats in each category (\$100, \$75), best decorated dock (\$100), and noisiest dock (\$50). To win, you must be a member of the LPLA. Vote for the boat parade winner by going to the littlepinelake.org website. **See last page:** *How to vote for a boat in the 2025 Boat Parade.*

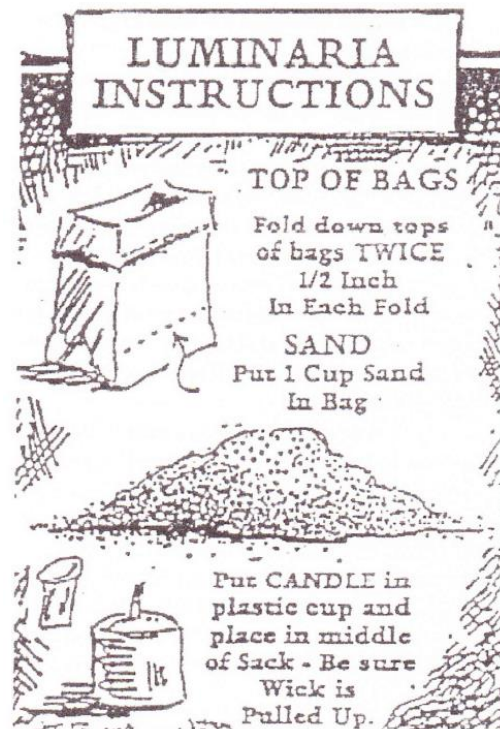
2025 ANNUAL PICNIC & GOLF TOURNAMENT

The LPLA annual picnic will be held August 9th at Zorbaz. The North room has been reserved. The LPLA will provide pizza, serving from 4-6:00PM. You must be a paid member of the LPLA for admission to the picnic. If you have family /friends at your house/cabin, make sure to bring them as well! Desserts to share are welcome!

The Golf Tournament will be held at the Lakeside Golf Course on August 9th starting at

RING OF PEACE

The Ring of Peace started many years ago by Jerry Moriarity to signify our hope for peace in the world. In these times, we are still striving for this goal. Below is a diagram for assembling the luminary which is to be displayed at dusk on July 3rd. This display is optional.



Help Pick the 2026 Boat Parade Fun Theme!

Members at the annual meeting provided 7 ideas for the 2026 Boat Parade “Fun Theme.”

Go to: littlepinelake.org home page to vote for your favorite theme. Poll closes on July 2 at 11:59 p.m.so get your vote in for next year’s theme!

How to vote for the 2025 LPLA Boat Parade

Go to: littlepinelake.org . The link to vote will be on the homepage and on the July 4th page. Click on the 2025 Boat Parade voting link to vote for your favorite boat in BOTH themes: Patriotic and Winter in July. (Every residence will get one vote in each category.)

The voting poll will close after the last boat has passed the last shoreline house or cabin on the parade route.

*Results will be available immediately and participants will be notified of winning boats upon return to Paul Miller Park when boat numbers are handed in to the lead boat. Winning boats/docks will also be listed on the LPLA website.

Note: If a LPLA member does not use a smartphone or have computer internet, they may call Andi: 218-849- 0229 with their choice of boat selections anytime during the boat parade but before the voting poll closes!

LPLA Membership

We are up to 168 paid members at this print date! If you haven’t paid dues yet to become a member, it’s not too late. Please consider joining us! Contact any board member or beach captain for information.

Thank you for making Little Pine Lake such a welcoming, connected community for year-round residents, summer residents, and visitors!