

2019 REPORT ON PIKE BAY REMEDIATION

2018 was the final year for the SAD initiated in 2013 to combat a massive invasion of milfoil weed, which made the water unsightly and virtually unusable. During the five years, a program of lake evaluation and treatment was pursued and this resulted in the water being returned to excellent condition with milfoil under control and native vegetation being re-established.

Our committee, in the spring of 2018, surveyed the SAD membership regarding whether there was support for continuing this program. The response was strongly positive and, as a result a proposal for renewal was prepared and submitted to the Chassell Township Board. The following summarizes the subsequent steps to the SAD renewal.

May 21, 2018: Committee for Pike Bay Remediation recommended to the Township Board that the SAD be renewed for 2019-2023.

Procedure for renewal: (Michigan Public Act 188 of 1954)

Following the declaration of intent by the board, two public hearings were held--the first to define the program and its cost, the second to affirm the roll (properties included in the district). Notices of the hearings were mailed to each SAD property owner and two notices of each hearing were published in the local newspaper.

If objections are made by representatives of less than 20% of the land area within the district, the board may proceed. If there are sufficient objections (representatives of more than 20% of the land area), then representatives of 50% of the area must petition in favor.

December 12, 2018: Hearing No. 1

Objections at this hearing were raised by representatives of less than 20% of the district area.

January 9, 2019: Township Board meeting included a presentation by Jason Broekstra of Professional Lake Management to explain their studies and evaluation of the lake and the control measures that have been employed. Questions, answers and discussion with the board and citizens followed.

January 9, 2019: Hearing No. 2

Roll of district was confirmed. Board passed resolution to create the new SAD.

March 13, 2019: Chassell Township Board meeting: Appointed Lynn Gierke, Ed Glowacki, Douglas Hamar, Lloyd Heldt, Ronald Helman, Ross Rinkinen and Darrell Smith to the new advisory committee.

It is our privilege to serve in this effort to preserve Pike Bay, Chassell Township's most valuable asset. Support of Chassell Township, the Pike Bay residents and other generous individuals and organizations have enabled the work.

Pike Bay Remediation Committee