

PIKE LAKE

**SPORTSMAN'S CLUB  
NEWSLETTER  
JULY 2025**

**MEETING: JULY 7, 2025  
PLACE: Hartford Town Hall  
START: 5:30/help w/set up – 6:00 Meeting**

Dedicated to working with the DNR to protect and enhance the water quality of Pike Lake and it's fishing inventory. The Club also encourages the promotion of all water sports and recreational activities.

The minutes of the Pike Lake Sportsman's Club meeting that was held on Monday, June 2nd at Hartford Town Hall. There were 17 members and guests present.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**CHECKING \$7,699.04  
SAVINGS \$6,915.98**

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**GUEST/S**

**DREW WALLACE  
DNR Fish Biologist**

**ELIAS WILSON  
Park Supervisor**

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**NEW MEMBER**

**TOM **

**Tom is the PGA HOPE Ambassador – Wisconsin  
(This is an organization that works with handicapped veterans by providing outings  
such as boat rides for them among other things.)**

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**MEETING:**

John was unable to make the meeting so Steven volunteered to run the meeting. (Good job Steven!)

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First up was Elias the Park Superintendent. He said that the main project going on was the "Board Walk". Elias said that the weather had cooperated and with all the volunteers able to help, a nice section towards the dog swimming area was completed and they have started on the next section.. (We have been also receiving a list of work dates and times that I have been passing on.) (It is not easy work and this hot weather probably isn't helping the project right now!)

Elias said the location for the Memorial Bench has

**President: John** [redacted]  
**Vice-Pres: Chris** [redacted]  
**Secretary: Jerry** [redacted]  
**Treasurer: Jason** [redacted]

been selected along the path south from the beach to the launch. The location is the second marked off spot from the launch by a tree. (According to info we passed around that the bench has been ordered and Whitey has dropped off a check at the Park office to pay for it!) (We are waiting for Elias to tell us that it has been delivered. We will need a few volunteers to assemble and install it!) He is still working to get the wording on the plaque approved. The wording may be a little different than we had but pretty close. (John has been working closely with Elias on the details.)

Elias told the members that "Discovery Days" at the Park was coming up on Sat. June 7<sup>th</sup> and he was hoping a few Club members could help Justin at the "Learn to Fish Area" like we have done in the past. Justin will have the rods and also bait for the fishing pier. Members should be there about 9:45 or so to organize and set up. The event runs from 10:00 to 2:00. Also, the dedication of the new handicap kayak launch is being dedicated at 9:30 that morning. Elias noted that there was already a lot of activity at the kayak launch and will be a popular addition.

He added that it is nice to be able to launch your kayak without getting your shoes wet!

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**VETS:**

Tom [redacted] was the next to talk to the members. He said that he is a local having grown up in Neosha. Tom said he is retired from the US Army. He said he doesn't have a job so he is able to do a lot of fishing. Tom said that he is an avid Lake Winnebago fisherman

although he fishes other lakes too.

He said the for the last 4 years he has been associated the local VFW and Amer. Legion in that he has been arraigning a boat ride on Pike Lake for the handicapped veterans. He doesn't have a pontoon boat but has found people that will take them out. He said that the ride usually lasts an hour or so. There are usually 6 or 8 individuals and he provides the snacks and bottle of water or so. They usually go out once or twice a summer. Tom said the vets really enjoy and look forward to it. Unfortunately the person that provided the boat no longer has it and the vets have been asking him if there is going to be any this summer. That is a one reason, other than enjoying fishing, that he has looked into our Club to perhaps to find another ride for the vets. So Tom is hoping the members may know someone he can hook up with that he'll be able to setup a boat ride or two for the vets. (I contacted Tom after the meeting and got him in touch with the Lake Assoc. that I'm sure they will have members that would be glad to help Tom set up an outing.)

(Have any luck Tom?)

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**FISH SURVEY:**

Drew Wallace, who is the DNR fish biologist for the area, was the next speaker. He presented the 2024 fish survey that they did last fall on Pike Lake.

Drew told the members about his back ground. He is a Wisconsin native and is doing the work that he has wanted to do all his life. Drew graduated from UW Stevens Point in 2017, worked in a few States out west before being hired by DNR as a Fish Biologist a few years ago. He gave a brief history of the Pike Lake fisheries – mainly walleye – saying that the last stocking was in 2011 and the population has been self sustaining since then. Pike Lake is the only natural walleye producing lake in Washington County and in SE Wisconsin. The last fish survey was done in 2014. Drew went through the survey results – first for the game fish (northern s, walleyes, bass, etc) and then the pan fish.

(Drew sent a copy of report to the Club a few days after the meeting which I forwarded to the members. If any one needs it sent again, please let me know.)

I don't have the room to report on all the information about walleye reproduction etc. and all the other fish here. Drew did say that since the walleye are natural reproducing they are sampled every year – especially the how the spawn went. The talk was very interesting and complete. He did go into what kind of projects that can be done to improve the fish habitat like “tree drops” which would be done when there is ice on the lake. Another is “fish sticks”, which is anchoring trees along the shore line and extending the tree out into the lake. Both of these need DNR permits to do but Drew is willing to work with groups to complete. He said that he is always available to answer any questions we may have and looks forward to working with our Club.

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**ELECTIONS:**

The annual Club elections are scheduled to be held at the August meeting. Per the Club By-Laws and this year the positions up for election are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent-At-Arms and four Board members. As custom, at the July meeting we ask for nominations and then hold the actual elections at the August meeting. Currently John [REDACTED] is President, Chris [REDACTED] – Vice-Pres., Jerry [REDACTED] – Secretary, Jason [REDACTED] – Treasurer, Nick [REDACTED] – Sargent-At-Arms and the four

Board Members Steven [REDACTED], Bruce [REDACTED], Jim [REDACTED] and Joe [REDACTED].  
(Note: that two Board members – Ed [REDACTED] and Josh [REDACTED] – are elected in alternate years and up for election next year.)

John, Chris and Jerry have said that they would like to “call it a day” and a have another member fill their position. PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING A TURN!

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**CHEFS:**

Dan [REDACTED] and Brad [REDACTED] served Sloppy Joe’s with potato salad, fresh buns, various toppings-pickles etc. and delicious brownies for dessert. **Great job Dan and Brad!**

**Thanks for taking a turn!!!!**

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**UPCOMING CHEFS:**

**July** – Uncle Larry’s Chicken! Please bring a dessert or two or three to share!

**August** -

**We need Chefs!!! Please consider taking a turn!!!**

**Also, Please let us know if you plan to attend!!! (Please let us know by Saturday or before!!!!)**

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**Jerry** – 262-670-6675 or [jekabel@att.net](mailto:jekabel@att.net)

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Meeting at Hartford Town Hall.

Also, we have nominations for the Election for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent-At-Arms and 4 Board members!!!!

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Meeting at Town Hall

**Club Elections for the positions listed above!!!**

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**50/50 WINNER**

**SUE [REDACTED]**

**☒ FOR THE CLUB AND ☒ FOR SUE**

**WAY TO GO SUE!!! NICE POT!!!**

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