

## *Town of Plum Lake Lakes Committee Report*

### *April 2022*

*First*, we would like to thank the Town Board for its continuing commitment, support and funding of the Lakes Committee without which the Lakes Committee could not carry out its many activities. The Lakes Committee was founded in 2005 and is an all volunteer committee. Anyone interested in protecting the health of our lakes is welcome to join.

*2021 Committee Activities* – all funded in part by grants from the State of Wisconsin

- Lake Management Plan –
  - Reviewed, revised and approved the Implementation Plan section of the Lake Management Plan for the Town of Plum Lake
  - Section contains both lake specific and general Town activities for future lake management
  - Multi-year, ongoing management plan
- Camera Surveillance at Town Landings (BLIMS) –
  - Seven cameras operated on six town lakes (Ballard, Irving, Laura, Plum, Razorback and Star)
  - 28,786 videos capturing 3,230 launches; two violations of state law noted in 2021
  - Committee actively working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) on enforcement
  - Active 2022
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CBCW) –
  - In-Person Monitoring of Lake Landings
    - Approximately 2000 hours of monitoring by interns from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (UW-Osh) and North Lakeland Discovery Center plus local citizens employed by the program
    - Lakes monitored – Ballard/Irving, Lake Laura, Plum (Statehouse Point and Town), Razorback and Star Lakes
    - Active 2022
  - Boat Decontamination Program –
    - Unit offering voluntary boat and equipment decontamination via hot pressure washing rotated among Big Muskellunge, Plum, Star and Trout Lakes
    - 200 hours provided by the UW-Osh
    - 376 boats decontaminated; 10 lakes potentially protected from spiny waterflea or zebra mussel exposure in 2021
    - Planned resumption of program in 2023

- Small Lakes Program/North Lakeland Discovery Center
  - Point Intercept (PI) studies completed on Salsich, Camp 10, Wharton and Partridge Lakes
  - Active 2022 - PI studies for Aurora, Nixon, Snyder and Wilson Lakes
- Little Star Remediation -
  - Hand removal and disposal of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) from Little Star performed July/ August 2021 by Aquatic Plant Management
  - Ongoing annual effort to control the spread of EWM in Little Star.
- Fish Sticks (Healthy Lakes Grant) -
  - Intended to increase coarse woody habitat in lakes
  - Grant for pilot program to place three bundles in Plum Lake obtained
  - Work to be performed January and February 2023
  - Site surveys underway for future fish sticks projects in additional lakes
  - Active in 2022

*Committee Officers 2021 - 2022*

Chair - Bob Jackson

Vice Chair - Joe Heitz

Treasurer - Doug Pinney

Secretary - Lynn Wiggins

*Finally*, the Committee wishes to remember Chris Wise who, with his wife Jan, successfully led Committee efforts during its formative years and to Mitch Pierce, one of our first CWCB fall volunteer monitors.