

The Voice of Squash Lake



Special Information Edition

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As you may know, the Squash Lake Association's mission is: "to preserve and protect Squash Lake and its surrounding ecosystems, and also to enhance the water quality, the fishery, the wild natural habitats, boating safety, and the aesthetic values of Squash Lake, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations."

The Squash Lake Association board members take our mission seriously and are continuously developing innovative strategies to protect and enhance the lake and surrounding ecosystems. As part of these efforts, the Squash Lake Association is particularly interested in preserving and protecting vulnerable and endangered species found in and around Squash Lake. As a result of the Point Intercept Survey conducted at the end of last summer, the board was very excited to learn that 2 plants categorized by the WI DNR as "special concern" (a category designated for certain vulnerable species before they become threatened or endangered) were discovered in the lake. Both Robins' Spikerush (*Eleocharis robbinsii*) and Thread-like Naiad (*Najas gracillima*) were found in Loon Bay. Given the status of these special concern species, the Lake Association board has discussed the possibility of the Lake District promoting their conservation through preserving the habitat of Loon Bay and the surrounding bog area.

In order to move forward with conservation efforts, any proposed habitat preservation initiatives must first be approved by voters at the annual meeting held in August. Thus, the Lake Association would like to request that the preservation of Loon Bay Marsh be added to the District's annual agenda. If the item is on the agenda, voters will have the opportunity to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of preserving Loon Bay Marsh before casting their votes.

In order to add an item to the Lake District annual meeting agenda in August 2020, at least 42 signatures from district voters are needed to petition the Lake District. If you are interested in getting the Loon Bay Marsh Preservation added to the annual meeting agenda, please sign and return the attached petition. Signed petitions can be mailed to:

Kathy Tournour
1059 Prairie Rd
Plymouth, WI 53073

**Squash Lake - Loon Bay
Location of Plants
of Special Concern**

- Northern (Thread-like) Naiad
(*najas gracillima*)
- Robbin's Spikerush
(*eleocharis robbinsii*)

SQUASH LAKE

LONG LAKE RD

Approximate Area
of Wetlands



**PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONERS
SQUASH LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION
AT THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

We, the undersigned landowners and/or electors (the "Petitioners") hereby petition the Board of Commissioners of the Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (the "District") in accordance with Wisconsin §Chapter 33.30(2m)(c)1.thru 4.

The Petitioners request that the Commissioners place before the owners/electors a New Business agenda item for the 2020 Annual Meeting relating to the preservation of the Loon Bay Marsh. The items we wish to discuss and possibly act upon include:

Allow the District to discuss and seek preservation of the Loon Bay Marsh.

Establish a new District Program to protect and preserve Loon Bay Marsh, which may include land acquisition.

Authorize the Commissioners to execute a plan, which includes, but is not limited to, engaging with appropriate landowners, DNR grant application, funding, and tasks related to land acquisition.

The undersigned person(s) signing this Petition hereby request the Board of Commissioners of the Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District include the aforementioned New Business items on the agenda for the 2020 Annual Meeting of the District.

SIGNATURE(S)

(If more than one name appears on the property title, all owners are eligible to sign the petition.)

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Owner Signature (Include: POA, Trustee, Manager, etc., if applicable) Print Full Legal Name

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Date Parcel # or Address

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