



PAULINSKILL LAKE

Annual Newsletter

Notes From the President **Scott Douglas**

Dear Members and Supporters of the Paulinskill Lake Association,

We hope this update finds you well and enjoying the beautiful Autumn season at Paulinskill Lake. As we move further into Fall, we are excited to share some important developments and upcoming events in our community.

Lake Water Quality and Conservation Efforts

We are pleased to report that our water quality monitoring program continues to yield positive results. Thanks to the ongoing efforts of our dedicated volunteers and collaboration with local environmental agencies, the water quality at Paulinskill Lake remains excellent. We encourage all residents to continue being mindful of their water usage and the proper disposal of waste to preserve the pristine condition of our beloved lake.

Community Clean-ups

Let's come together as a community to keep Paulinskill Lake and its surroundings clean and beautiful. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate in various clean-up activities, including litter picking, beach maintenance, and planting. Please watch the Paulinskill Lake Facebook page and website for details throughout the seasons. Want to help – email Rob at grounds@paulinskilllake.com.

Fall Fishing Tournament?

Calling all fishing enthusiasts! Interested in a Fall Tournament? Whether you're a seasoned angler or a beginner, a fishing event promises fun for the whole family. Dust off your fishing gear and help us organize a day friendly competition. Please email us at corsec@paulinskilllake.com to get this started!

Capital Improvement

We are excited to announce upcoming improvements to the grounds around the lake. Once monies are approved by the membership, several new benches, BBQ grills and permanent picnic tables are part of the capital improvements planned to enhance the experience for residents and visitors alike. These upgrades aim to make the grounds more enjoyable for everyone.

Membership Drive

If you haven't already renewed your membership, now is the perfect time to do so! Your support allows us to continue our conservation efforts, organize community events, and maintain the beauty of our lake. You can visit our website or contact us directly for membership details.

Board Members

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Rob Herbison | Buildings & Grounds:
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Watson Perigo | Roads:
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Courtney Tormey | Beaches:
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Dave Williams | Entertainment:
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Suzanne Troiano |
Membership: membership@paulinskilllake.com

Board Elections

As we approach the end of the year, we want to remind everyone that our Board elections will be held in September. If you have a passion for preserving the natural beauty of Paulinskill Lake and want to make a difference in our community, consider running for a position on the Board. Together, we can work towards a brighter future for our lake and its surroundings.

We are grateful for your unwavering support and active participation in our Association's activities. The success of the Paulinskill Lake Association is a testament to the strength of our community and the dedication of our members.

Wishing you all a wonderful Fall season filled with joy, good company, and cherished moments at Paulinskill Lake.

Vice President Tom Williver

It's hard to believe that another year has passed and by the time you read this Summer will almost be over. The fishing has improved this year on the lake and hopefully the bass and catfish that were stocked this year will thrive.

Now we get to enjoy the Fall and everything our beautiful community and surrounding area has to offer. Don't forget to come down to the Chili/Cookie Cook off in early November at the Ball Field. It's a great time with good friends and neighbors.

Soon we will be taking out the buoys for the Winter and hopefully the lake will freeze so that people can ice skate or ice fish.

We do live in our own little hidden paradise and the members of this community make it even more special.

Financial Linda McSweeney

Missing your Badges?? Please email finance@paulinskilllake.com to make arrangements to pick up your badges. If you have not yet requested badges for 2023, please use the form on the PLA website or send an email to finance@paulinskilllake.com. Each household can request Member and Family badges for all living in the home and up to 6 Guest badges per house at a cost of \$3.00/each. Remember, the badges will be reused each year. Every year new stickers will be sent to apply to the back of the card. If you lose your badges, please email finance@paulinskilllake.com to request new ones at a cost of \$3.00/each.

If you are having trouble paying your dues, please send an email to finance@paulinskilllake.com to make arrangements as soon as possible. We would like to work out a payment plan for you rather than take legal action.

Recording Secretary **MaryAnne Choma**

PLA Meetings

Stillwater Community Center, 931 Swartswood Road, Newton, NJ

Monthly Board Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month (7pm)

2023 Annual Membership Meeting: Saturday, September 23, 2023 (7pm)

All PLA members in good standing are invited and encouraged to attend any of our monthly meetings as well as the Annual Membership Meeting. Please join us!

Monthly Board Meeting Dates: Stillwater Community Center, 931 Swartswood Road

2023: 2nd Wednesday at 7pm

August 9
September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

2024: 2nd Wednesday at 7pm

January 10 August 14
February 14 September 11
March 13 October 9
April 10 November 13
May 8 December 11
June 5
July 10

If the Board needs to reschedule a monthly meeting, every effort will be made to communicate the change to our Membership. These communications will be shared in the following ways: an announcement on the PLA website, the Constant Contact email list, the PLA text chain and the PLA Facebook page.

Meeting Minutes

It is MaryAnne's pleasure to take minutes for each of the monthly Board Meetings and for the Annual Membership Meeting. The minutes are detailed in an effort to represent the Board's desire to work transparently. As a courtesy to the PLA Membership, after the minutes are approved, they are redacted and sent to the Corresponding Secretary who posts the redacted version onto the Paulinskill webpage. Redacted minutes can be located on our website by clicking on the tab that reads "Meeting Minutes and Newsletter" The URL address is <https://www.paulinskilllake.com/meeting-minutes>. Once you are on the correct tab, please scroll down.

Environment **Cindy Tracey**

Please have your septic pumped this year if your house ends in an odd number. Remember not to put these products in your septic, latex paints, grease, paper products (including facial tissues, any sanitary products). The only product that can be flushed is toilet paper. Remember to do laundry once a day or space your loads every 6 hours to give your septic a chance to recover. This is important especially with all the rain that we have been getting.

This year the lake was stocked with 13 largemouth bass, 3,000 fathead minnows and 12 catfish. Thank you to the Stolzenburg family for their generous donation.

All ski boats shall display a signal pennant, which should be orange, triangular in shape and not less than 12 inches on any dimension. The pennant shall be displayed at least four feet above the highest structure on the boat during each of the following activities: when towing or retrieving a skier, when the tow rope is extended outside the boat. Boat stickers should be placed on the boat that is registered with the PLA. Boat stickers should be placed near the State registration decal on boats and in the front of kayaks and canoes. Please remember to obey the NO WAKE restrictions after a heavy rainfall. You are responsible for any damage your wake causes.

Membership **Suzanne Troiano**

Summer has been in full swing at our beautiful Paulinskill Lake, a heavenly gem in the middle of Sussex County! Our members are enjoying swimming at the beaches, cruising the lake on their boats, attending BBQ's with family and friends, and fishing & kayaking up and down this beautiful lake. PLA sunset pictures are popping up on our PLA Facebook page (www.facebook.com/paulinskilllake) and the PLA website (www.Paulinskilllake.com)!

Speaking of the PLA website, it's been updated and is flooded with information for everyone! The site offers easy navigation and online registrations (for boats, beach badge ordering and paying dues). You can also sign up for PLA text and email message communications too! We are so excited to welcome the newest members of our lake community on their home purchases in 2023, who will enjoy everything that Paulinskill Lake has to offer!

Bob & Cathy Schultz

Sandra Squires & Allen Stoll

Felicia & John Sterlacci

Donna Bassin

Andrea Dovalle & Samantha Viguie

Stephen Vadja & Shinko Araki

Matthew & Kali Rizzo

Edward Hostfee

John & Linda Mastriani

Hannah & Mac Wurzbach

Robert & Maureen Guglich

Please email me, **Suzanne**, at membership.paulinskill@gmail.com with any questions. Looking forward to meeting all of you at the upcoming lake events!

Roads **Watson Perigo**

Hope everyone is enjoying their Summer! We have been working hard on the roads! Sweeping has been done. We are working on major road repairs. Oil and stoning will be done after repairs are finished. I have ordered signs and will be fixing or replacing road signs that need it. If you have bushes or trees on your property that hangs on the road, please trim them back for site distance.

Entertainment **Dave Williams**

We have had some great events this year and looking forward to more events - Music on the Beach, Fourth of July Boat Parade, Chili and Cookie Contest are just a few to mention. Please bookmark the PLA website and visit often (www.paulinskilllake.com). The current entertainment events will be listed as they become scheduled and finalized. Also be sure to like and follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/PLAevents)

Buildings & Grounds **Rob Herbison**

Good day everyone, I hope everyone is having a great Summer! Just a few words about what has been happening regarding the grounds here at Paulinskill Lake. We've been seeing an increase in vandalism around the ballfield area. With that being said please, if you see something - say something so I can get it corrected and cleaned up. I have been reaching out to companies for proper repairs to the tennis courts and getting quotes. I'm still seeing a lot of empty bottles and cans by the basketball courts. **Please if you bring it in - take it out with you.**

If there are any concerns with any repairs to be made or issues with lawn maintenance feel free to reach out to me at grounds@paulinskilllake.com. Thank you

Beaches **Courtney Tormey**

It has been another wonderful beach season at PLA! I would like to first thank all our lifeguards for their hard work in making our summer a success. I applaud their dedication to ensuring the safety of our beaches. Throughout the summer, the lifeguards and I had the pleasure of meeting

many new families that have moved into the community. We were happy to welcome them and watch them enjoy spending time at the lake. I would also like to thank you all – the community members that carried your badges and showed them to the lifeguards upon entry to the beaches. The guards have told me that this helped make their job easier this Summer! That was great news, because just as last summer, the guards and I remained diligent checking badges to ensure that our beach occupants were members of our community. The lifeguards and I want to extend our sincerest thanks for following our policy and having your badges. Finally, I would like to thank the families that participated in our events. It was wonderful to see so many children participate this Summer. I am grateful that we can offer these events to the families of our community. It really gives the children great experiences and memories.

I have a few business items to report. First, I am pleased to report that 10 tons of fresh sand was spread at Beach 1 and at Beach 2. It was needed and I am thrilled with the color and quality of the sand. From the large number of lovely sandcastles I saw at the beaches this year, I believe the kids were thrilled with it as well!! Secondly, both beaches have new ropes and buoys. It was overdue that the broken buoys and the deteriorating ropes were replaced. Lastly, new signs were hung at the beaches. Some are required by the County and the State of NJ, and others are important rules and reminders from the PLA. My favorite is "Don't Be A Litterbug!" Please remember to kindly take your garbage out with you. Our environment is beautiful, and it is up to every one of us to do our part in keeping our community clean.

Lifeguards are off duty starting September 1st, so I would like to remind everyone to be safe while at the beaches. Please always remain mindful of our rules and policies. *If you see something, say something.* Let's work together to keep our community clean and safe.

The lifeguards and I will be looking forward to Summer 2024! Always feel free to reach out with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.



ANNUAL MEETING Saturday, September 23, 2023

While I know many of you are holding on to summer, the PLA Board, and specifically your Nominating Committee, are working hard to prepare for our community's annual Fall meeting scheduled for September 23, 2023 at 7 pm at the Stillwater Community Center. Your presence and vote is extremely important, please mark your calendar and plan to attend. There will be three key business items to address:

1. Elections. On the slate for September's Meeting is our annual election. The following positions are up for election this year:

Three officers for two-year terms:

1. President
2. Treasurer
3. Recording Secretary

Two Trustees for three-year terms to be appointed to a Committee after Elections.

2. 2024 Annual Budget Approval

As we are all aware of the rise in prices for goods and services, your Board is happy to announce the proposed budget on page 9 reflects dues that will remain the same as last year at \$660.00 annually.

3. Capital Improvements – We are excited to ask the members to approve expenditures to be paid from our Capital Improvement Account of \$6,000.00 (tax and shipping costs included).

- Three each – Outdoor Park Grills. To replace current grills.
- Four each – In Ground Mount Beach Bench with Back – 6' Green.
- One each – In Ground Mount Picnic Table – 46" Round for Beach 2.



Candidates for Board Positions

President

Scott Douglas and his wife are celebrating 28 years in the community. Raised 4 children who are now grown and leaving the nest. Each having great memories of Paulinskill Lake. I would like to continue to support the Association as well as the membership for the next term as President. I hope to continue to be a part of the future progress with the PLA Board and keep the tradition of this great community moving forward and watching the evolution of families, young and old!

Treasurer

Linda McSweeney and her husband Michael moved to Paulinskill Lake 25 years ago. They have raised their three daughters, Erin, Kaitlyn and Kerri in this community and have many fond memories. We had our first grandchild in December and look forward to introducing her to the PLA. Linda presently works at Crum & Forster in Morristown, NJ as Assistant Vice President of Managed Care Claims. She was very involved with the community and schools while the girls were growing up. Linda looks forward to continuing to serve the community by running for Treasures after years of being the Financial Secretary for the PLA.

Recording Secretary

MaryAnne Choma and her husband Jack have lived in Paulinskill Lake for over 25 years. They have been and continue to raise their three children in our community and hold many memories and friendships of Paulinskill dear to their hearts. MaryAnne is an Adolescent Literacy Specialist who works as a National Instructional Coach for Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. She can regularly be found on the beaches, on the trail, walking the community, and occasionally in a kayak. It is her pleasure to actively serve the community as the Recording Secretary.

Trustees

Watson Perigo, his wife Colleen and daughter Karleen have lived in Paulinskill Lake for 23 years. Colleen is a Para/RBT at the McKeown School. I retired from Road Supervisor at the Green Township Road Department last year, having over 36 years in the job. I have been taking care of the PLA roads for about 13 years and am interested in continuing in the position of Trustee.

Dave Williams has lived in the community for 37 years. He has been a volunteer with the Stillwater Area Volunteer Fire Department since 1986 and has been employed with JCP&L since 1980. He enjoys mountain biking, amateur radio, wine making and boating on the lake. Dave makes a priority to be involved with the community and to see it move forward in a positive direction. Dave has served as the Vice President of the PLA as well as the President of the now defunct Ski & Boat Club. He lives with this wife, Kimberly, of 23 years and her dog, Elvis.

My name is **Gail Stocks** and I would love to join the hard working Board Members in their ongoing endeavors to keep our beautiful homes and property at Paulinskill Lake, the well-maintained gems we have all found this place to be. My husband Ian and I bought our little Cabin 3 years ago for our rat terrier, Dulcie, and she enjoys making people look twice and smile as she stand up paddle boards around. I enjoy the peace and beauty of our lake community, spending time meeting our new lake friends. Whenever you don't see me here, I am likely busy working on my Occupational Therapy doctorate degree, which I hope will be completed next month. I started an accessibility consulting business some years ago and I teach for the National Association of Home Builders and guest lecture for several OT Universities. I work hard at whatever needs to be done and I know I would enjoy working with the Board to represent the homeowners of PLA.

Paulinskill Lake Association 2024 Budget For Membership Approval

	2020	Actual 2021	2022	T-12 July	Current 2023 Budget	Proposed 2024 Budget
Member Income	86,294	314,581	306,122	331,920	325,500	326,246
Member Services	1,369	1,599	2,101	1,845	3,050	1,980
Member Finance	8,436	3,345	3,900	3,343	5,525	4,525
Other Income	10,627	13,134	13,718	1,867	12,050	13,170
Assessments	118	-0-	110	-0-	-0-	-0-
Municipal Reimburse	72,343	24,549	54,159	54,159	73,000	73,000
Other Income	6,883	(569)	790	(723)	-0-	-0-
TOTAL REVENUE	186,070	356,639	380,900	392,411	419,125	418,921
Activities (Entertainment)	608	1,128	3,332	2,302	1,800	2,100
Administrative	88,069	116,750	105,793	132,783	114,605	111,080
Beaches & Recreation	433	869	2,815	1,955	3,755	2,150
Buildings & Grounds	11,150	16,082	26,058	21,257	24,150	24,150
Corresponding Secretary	683	864	1,021	1,021	1,380	1,380
Environment	10,916	16,232	13,667	12,582	14,300	13,900
Financial Secretary	1,731	1,291	36	465	1,500	1,264
Membership	-0-	619	469	6	1,099	1,099
Payroll	25,102	27,048	26,773	26,807	33,810	38,919
Roads	111,851	155,123	161,373	124,138	206,192	206,192
Misc	-0-	-0-	-0-	6	6,500	6,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	250,543	336,007	341,338	323,322	409,091	408,234
NET INCOME	(64,473)	20,632	39,562	69,088	10,034	10,687
Transfer to Capital Reserve					(10,000)	(10,000)
Net Cash Flow					34	687

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