

To Eric Goetz, ILIA Secretary  
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To Residents of Indian Lake  
Presidents Report

The past few weeks have been an adventure for all us of here at our beloved Indian Lake.

Much has been accomplished by your Board. You have seen the water level drop significantly.

Your Board has been working long and hard at getting these things done. The Process began with organizing the SAD for Weed and Dam Maintenance, which was approved September 2010.

The weeds on the Lake are definitely reduced on both East and West Basins, largely at the expertise of our new weed maintenance company, Savin Lake Services of Hale, MI. We are so far satisfied with our results. The three year plan is off to a good start.

We have been blessed with great weather for this current drawdown and restoration of the Indian Lake Dam.

The cool weather makes it comfortable to work harder than normal. It's another way to play with our boats and the Lake.

While your shoreline is exposed it is a good time to get down and get the Purple Loosestrife. I encourage the removal of the Invasive species.

Please be careful as the exposed shore is as soft as it looks. But it is more packed than when it was wet. I recommend wearing at least knee high boots and expect to get a bit stuck. Use your rake as a third hand for balance.

Good opportunity to give your kids and grandkids a job to make a few bucks. Let me know if you need a Grandkid, I have two to sell, and no shoreline. Go Figure.

The time to get these things accomplished is short. The weather has been favorable so far.

I will explain the short timeframe:

The drawdown began Saturday, October 26 with picking up the 12 inch diameter pipe from Macomb on the Thursday prior and building a few sections.

Saturday Morning we all met at the Dam, Scott Baker, Justin Gillam, Lou Brown, Eric Goetz, Roger Maxwell, Bill Dineen, and me. We were joined by our newest neighbor, on Ridgemont, John Kovach. A couple others stopped by. We planned the operation, had a meeting to discuss the personnel for each task. We tied up a bunch of lines and maneuvered these pipes into position. Lou had made some braces to support them in position and we installed them.

Next we capped the ends, devised a triggering device to release the caps and filled the pipe with water from a pump. Inserting the pump requires a diver, Scott and a boat, Justin. After two tries, we had the first siphon running. That was impressive!

Next siphon took three starts. Recapping the pipe after a stall is a lot of work, in waders at the bottom of the Dam, John's specialty. By now we had a handle on this thing. We were down 9 inches in 36 hours. Then things slowed down. One siphon plugged with leaves and stalled. We continued on the one remaining siphon for the next two days and drew down to 21 inches below high water mark, the Dam. Next day the second siphon stalled. At this point we are getting close to our goal of 24 inches.

Then we picked up 2 inches of rain over the next two days and the lake has risen seven inches.

November 2, Monday, Contractors arrived and began hand digging the foundations for the new walls and built in the necessary hardware. Tuesday, the concrete for the foundation was poured and buildup for the walls was in progress. This is beautiful and moving along great. Thank the weather Gods again for excellent concrete weather. I should point out here that this is moving so well it may take only two of the two to three weeks we anticipated.

Again, time is short.

The recent rain indicated just how well the lake will recover. The best conditions would be the freezing of the shoreline. If the lake refills quickly, our opportunity to maximize benefits is diminished.

We are attempting to keep the level down. We will reinitiate the siphons to attain the best results for our repairs and benefits to the lake. Our window of success is short since the construction is going so well.

Another development, we anticipated placing concrete walls in three of six bays. The Board is now considering the addition of a fourth Bay to the project. Upon seeing the creation take place it just makes good sense to build it. Bay 5 does need work and if included in this project we will not have to address any concerns for a very long time. Think of it as buying the fourth tire for your car. It looks like we can afford it in the budget and plan to do so. Timing is perfect.

I ask that you support your Board on this expansion of the project.

Even with the additional work the project will be completed soon.

The lake will return to normal. The Beaver will stop Daming up the culvert (we hope).

We will be enjoying our Indian Lake.

The whole process has been an adventure for sure.

We have taken many pictures so far and have great stories to tell.

Thanks for your support

ILIA Board

Regards

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