

# CATCH & RELEASE

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## President Rick Anderson's Thoughts

\$800,580 has replaced \$760,624; call it change. The BLPOA website and mail server will be changing soon too. A technology upgrade if you will, our website and mail server will be upgraded "into a new responsive, mobile-friendly site being built using the concrete 5 content management system." Change and more change. Why was Cedar Lake changed to Bass Lake? What was wrong with the old Indian name? Were the Potawatomi and Shawnee bad lake namers? What was the old Indian name? The Brain Trust at the "V" tackled that question. "It was Lake Winchetonqua" "One Way" exclaimed. "What?" What does that mean? "Good Summer Lodge", there is a Summerholme intersecting Winchetonqua. Of course, another Cedar Lake close by was causing confusion and Bass has few Cedar trees left - maybe. So why didn't Cedar Point become Bass Point? What would have been wrong with Lake Cranberry? We still have Cranberry Point. There were probably many Indian names over the centuries: Lake Lazy Hunter; Lake Fishing Brave; Lake Happy Squaw; Lake Many Birds Eating Fish; Lake Canoe Hit Rock and such. So, since September 1018, I'll bet many a pow-wow came up with many a name; perhaps even Lake Pow-Wow.

There have been no bidders for the upcoming "Starke County Recycling Contract". It is undecided what Starke County will do; however, the recycle dumpsters behind the POB will most probably be pulled out by January 1, 2019. Investigation of a new approach to recycling is underway; the County will evaluate "Best Practices" of other counties. Recycling could wind up at the County Garage north of Knox off U.S. 35. We are still taking bids for the remodeling of the Fireplace Room and a decision will probably be made at the October 6 Property Owners meeting.

Over 40 property owners have signed up for the glacial stone grant that the BLPOA is coordinating. We plan to submit our grant request to the DNR in the fourth quarter. The 2018/19 BLPOA database update is almost complete thanks to the efforts of our Board Secretary, Kathy Laiter. This will allow an approved "up to date garbage collection" list which will be reviewed with Republic Services. Believe it or not, "some" put out trash for pick up without paying up. The without paying up may continue; however, the free pick up should stop.

With a dozen remaining numbers, the VFW Jackpot could hit on September 22. Before then, I may learn more about Indian Lake names. *Stay safe & healthy, Rick*

**Bass Lake Property Owners Association:** Our next property owners meeting is on October 6 at 9:00 a.m. at the BLPOA building.

**Bass Lake Neighborhood Watch:** Monday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m. BLPOA building. Additional volunteers are welcome; you'll be trained and ready to roll!

**Exercise Class:** Light weights and light aerobics, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m. \$3 per class. All are welcome!

**Starke County Park Board:** Tuesday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Starke County Annex building

**Prairie Trails Club (our nearby bike path):** September 27 at 6:00 p.m., CDT (7:00 p.m., EDT) in the North Judson/Wayne Township Public Library

**Bass Lake Conservancy District (our sewers & pump):** Monday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. BLPOA building

## Healthy Shoreline Initiative

In January, 2019 the BLPOA will apply for a Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) grant to defray the cost of installing glacial stone seawalls in front of existing concrete seawalls. If you are interested, there is a short application that you must complete and return by October 1. Note that this grant will partially reimburse you for the cost of installing a glacial stone seawall. Each property owner will hire a contractor of their choosing to complete the work next summer. The grant will reimburse the property owner's cost in August or September 2019.

**Why are we doing this?** Approximately 25% of our lake shoreline includes concrete seawalls. Concrete seawalls are not natural. Healthy shorelines include native plants which work to filter pollutants out of runoff from lawns, deter nuisance wildlife and slow wave action. Glacial stone (rock) seawalls are an improvement over concrete because they minimize wave action. All this leads to native plants, better fishing and clearer water.

**What are your next steps?** Complete the short grant application form and send it in by October 1, 2018. Contact Rick Anderson, barefootrun@mchsi.com or Kathy Carrier, kcarrier@briljent.com for the grant application or go to [www.inbasslake.com](http://www.inbasslake.com). Our goal is to partner with our property owners to convert ½ mile of our concrete seawall shoreline to glacial stone in the next 12 months. We have 41 property owners who are interested!

**Are glacial stone seawalls expensive?** If you have a seawall that is 50 feet, you'll pay around \$15/foot for the glacial stone and \$10/foot for installation. With 50 feet, the cost will be around \$750. We estimate the grant will cover as much as \$600, leaving the property owner with a \$150 investment. Note that you'll be reimbursed for your expenses by the grant, after you've hired the contractor and completed the work.

**What does a glacial stone seawall look like?** Starke County was an early adopter of this initiative. Earlier this summer glacial stone was installed in front of the concrete seawall at the Bass Lake Beach House. You can swing by on your boat or bike and see what it looks like in front of the large brown building on the beach.

**Questions?** Contact Rick Anderson, barefootrun@mchsi.com.

## Bass Lake Property Owners Association

President ~ Rick Anderson  
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### Board Members

- Diane Blais
- Aileen Collura
- Cindy Hunter
- Rich Linkus
- Rik Ritzler
- Gayle Smith
- Ron Vendl

Board member contact information is on our website:

[www.inbasslake.com](http://www.inbasslake.com)

### Prairie Trails Membership Drive

Our local bike trails group is conducting their annual membership drive. To learn more, contact Kathy Lucas, [kathleenlucas216@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenlucas216@gmail.com).

### Master Gardener Class

Phil Woolery, the local Purdue Extension resource will be conducting the 14-week Master Gardener program for us locally if we have ten people who sign up. If you are a garden enthusiast and would like to learn more, contact Phil, [pwoolery@purdue.edu](mailto:pwoolery@purdue.edu).

### Watershed Leadership Academy

The Indiana Lakes Management Society will offer one full or two half scholarships to attend the Indiana Watershed Leadership Academy. If you have questions about the Academy or the ILMS' scholarship, please contact Sara Peel at [speel@arionconsultants.com](mailto:speel@arionconsultants.com) or

