

Gilbert Lake Association Newsletter

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Next Meeting May 8, 2007 **at 7:15 p.m.**

The next Gilbert Lake Association meeting is at the **Paul Bunyan Nature Learning Center** on Wise Road on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 7:15 p.m. Please attend!

Agenda for 2007 meeting:

- Plans for park on Gilbert Three – Mark Rudningen and Mary Claire Ryan
- Water quality reports -- significantly decreased clarity in Gilbert 1
- Request to expand Thirty Lakes Watershed District to Gilbert Lake.
- Fishing survey results for 2006
- LARA's help with Planning and Zoning issues.
- Lakescaping discussion and books for sale.
- Approval of certain expenditures
- Election of Officers
- New business

Action Taken at 2006 Meeting

Action taken at the 2006 meeting:

- Water quality reports were summarized and sent around for review
- Lakescaping discussion was had, and need to reduce number of green lawns going to the lake

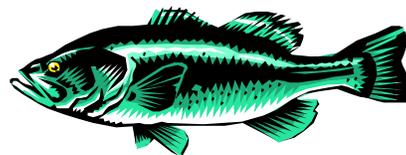
- Fishing survey was discussed and enforcement actions taken by C.O.'s for overlimits
- Approval of expenditures given for LARA and MLA
- Discussion of problems with wakeboard boats and what can and can't be done about them.
- Discussion of Riverside Drive status
- Discussion of status of public landing improvements
- Treasurer's report of approximately \$2000 in its bank accounts.

Water Quality Declines

Although the water clarity in the main body of Gilbert has stayed the same or improved, the clarity in Gilbert 1 (the long bay nearest Brainerd) declined in 2006. From 1999 – 2005, the average Secchi reading was 14 feet; in 2006, it was a little over 9 feet. At the meeting, we'll discuss the data and possible causes of this degradation.

"Lakescaping"

If we want to maintain a clear Gilbert Lake, we need to keep nutrients out of it. Let's all work harder at creating buffer strips (a strip of vegetation at least 30 feet deep) between our lawns and our



beloved lake. To learn more, copies of the DNR book *Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality* will be available at the annual meeting at a reduced price (\$12 – retail \$20).

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