

The background consists of a repeating pattern of circular logos for the Higgins Lake Property Owner's Association (HLPOA). Each logo is blue with white text and a dark blue silhouette of a lake. The text 'HLPOA' is at the top, 'HIGGINS LAKE, MICHIGAN' is at the bottom, and 'SM' is on the right side of the circle. A light blue rectangular box is centered over the top half of the image, containing the event title.

**Higgins Lake Property Owner's Association
Annual Meeting**

Saturday July 21st 2018

8:00 AM Roscommon High School

2018 HLPOA ANNUAL MEETING ADENDA

8:00	Registration & Refreshments	
8:45	Call to Order & Opening Remarks:	Charlene Cornell
8:50	Review and Approval of 2017 Minutes:	Charlene Cornell
9:00	Treasurer's Report:	Greg Semack
9:20	Nomination and Election of Directors:	Bob McKellar
9:40	Board Approved Privacy Policy:	Wayne Brooks
9:45	Riparian Committee:	Jim Vondale
10:15	Environmental Committee:	Fred Swinehart
10:35	Swimmer's Itch Report:	SI Team
10:55	Q&A	HLPOA Board
11:15	Director Election Results	Charlene Cornell
11:25	Closing Remarks	
11:30	Adjournment	

HLOPA: Member Information Privacy Policy

The HLPOA is adopting a written Member Information Privacy Policy to inform members, the public and businesses how it safeguards member information. The HLPOA believes it is important to safeguard the information of its members and to follow HLPOA member direction regarding collected information.

The HLPOA collects limited, publicly-available member parcel information to confirm membership eligibility. It also collects contact information, which is used to publish and distribute an annual Directory to HLPOA members. Members can notify the HLPOA office if they do not want some or all of their contact information included in the annual Directory. The HLPOA follows the direction given by its members regarding inclusion of contact information in the annual Directory.

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If a member provides an email address as part of the contact information, it is not published in the annual Directory. It is only used by the board for official communications with HLPOA members. Only addresses and phone numbers are included in the annual Directory. HLPOA board members and staff agree they will use member email addresses, phone numbers and addresses only for official business directly related to the HLPOA, as determined and approved by the HLPOA board.

The annual Directory is provided only to HLPOA members. When the HLPOA is requested by a non-member to provide a copy of the annual Directory, the HLPOA explains that it will not provide a copy of the annual Directory and the Directory is distributed only to members for membership purposes. Beginning in 2018, the HLPOA Directory will include the statement, “HLPOA contact information contained in this Directory is for HLPOA member use only.”

The HLPOA board approved this policy on March 19, 2018. This policy will be submitted to members at the 2018 Annual Meeting for ratification.

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Chair – Fred Swinehart, Board Members – Wayne Brooks, Bob McKellar, Dianne Wagner, Herb Weatherly, John Ogren, and Kevin Kessler.

Mission

Serving under the direction of the HLPOA Board, to act as a point of contact for HLPOA members and other interested parties. To act as a coordinating group to approve dedicated funds for various programs to maintain or improve the water quality and associated environmental factors affecting Higgins Lake.

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Key Initiatives for 2017 – 2018

- 1) **To actively recruit** HLPOA member and non-member volunteers to work with the committee and add to the committee's knowledge base and diversity.
- 2) **To define a Base Line Assessment** plan for Higgins Lake, evaluating methodology, cost and timing for projects to be approved by the HLPOA board.

There is currently no credible data available regarding the near shore waters and lake bottom environment, and only anecdotal evidence concerning members' feelings about changes in the lake through the years. The committee feels it is important to obtain a current scientifically credible baseline of the near shore environment to effectively address and measure future efforts to improve the situation.

Seeking funds specifically to collect and organize this baseline data has been deemed appropriate by the HLPOA board.

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- 3) To encourage and support the efforts of the Swimmers Itch Solutions LLC on Higgins Lake and the Michigan Swimmer's Itch Partnerships (MiSIP) ongoing efforts to control the swimmer's itch parasite. This initiative coincides with the resolution passed at the July 18, 2015 Annual Meeting by the members.

- 4) To encourage and support the lake levels established by the Roscommon County Circuit Court in 1926 and 1982 and work to counter any actions taken to remove or alter the Cut River dam or those lake levels in any manner. This initiative coincides with the resolution passed at the July 20, 2013 Annual Meeting by the members.

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- 6) **To assist and develop** informational programs and communications that will help riparians do things on their own such as landscaping, septic maintenance and erosion remediation techniques that will benefit the lake in areas under their own personal control.

- 7) **To assist and develop** communication with organizations that compliment HLPOA's efforts and to share beneficial aspects with our membership by our participation to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of Higgins Lake and its surrounding watershed.

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Raven analytical Laboratory, Roscommon Mi.

The Higgins Lake Property Owners Association (HLPOA) approached Raven Analytical Laboratory in Roscommon, Michigan to provide water testing on Higgins Lake in January of 2018.

In discussions with Mr. Fred Swinhart, HLPOA contact, it was suggested that we make this testing a project in concert with the area high school chemistry students (teacher). Raven personnel would train students with all the procedures and testing necessary to complete this study. The actual testing would take place in our EPA certified laboratory under the direct supervision of our staff. We have performed this type of project with a number of high schools in our area, in this way we help reinforce the chemistry the students are learning and make the community aware of the concern for the total ecology of Higgins Lake.

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While this is not a necessary component for the project, we have found that it can be very beneficial for the whole project and the community at large. Mr. Chuck Schepke, High School chemistry teacher was contacted along with Ms. Catherine Erickson, Superintendent Roscommon Area Public Schools and Mr. Fred Swinehart, HLPOA. This formed a team to begin a student involved effort on water testing at Higgins Lake.

Students from the Roscommon High School under the direction of chemistry teacher Chuck Schepke, were provided water analysis training using EPA standards. This included all necessary training in water collection, chain-of-custody, data logging, safety and actual chemical analysis.

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The list of students who were involved in the project from the Roscommon High School include:

* Chem II students, rest Chem I.

Dylan Aubrey

Brady Briggs

JT Cole

Ashley Desmith

Jessica Disney

Anna Erickson

Karlee Erickson

Ethan Ferency

Michael Ficaj *

Ethan Gussler

Caleb Jacobs *

Justin Janisse

Jeff Kuchar

Lindsey Lewandowski *

Brandon Mitchell

Taryan Pace

Danielle Rhinehart

Mac Schultz

John Stillwell

Jaythn Sylla *

Domonic Tatrai *

Emily Terry

Zoe Thomas

Jennifer Tussey

Ian Wybraniac

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This report by Raven covers the first water testing results on Higgins Lake on May 16, 17 and 18, and a second cycle of testing on June 15,16, and 17, 2018.

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Q & A

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