

Douglas Lake Improvement Association  
Annual Meeting 8/20/2013  
(modified 8/26/2013 for online viewing)

# \* Douglas Lake Boat Ramp

At the road end of Douglas Lake Road

- \*The Quiet Storm
- \*Cruising for many years
- \*Today
- \*The Future

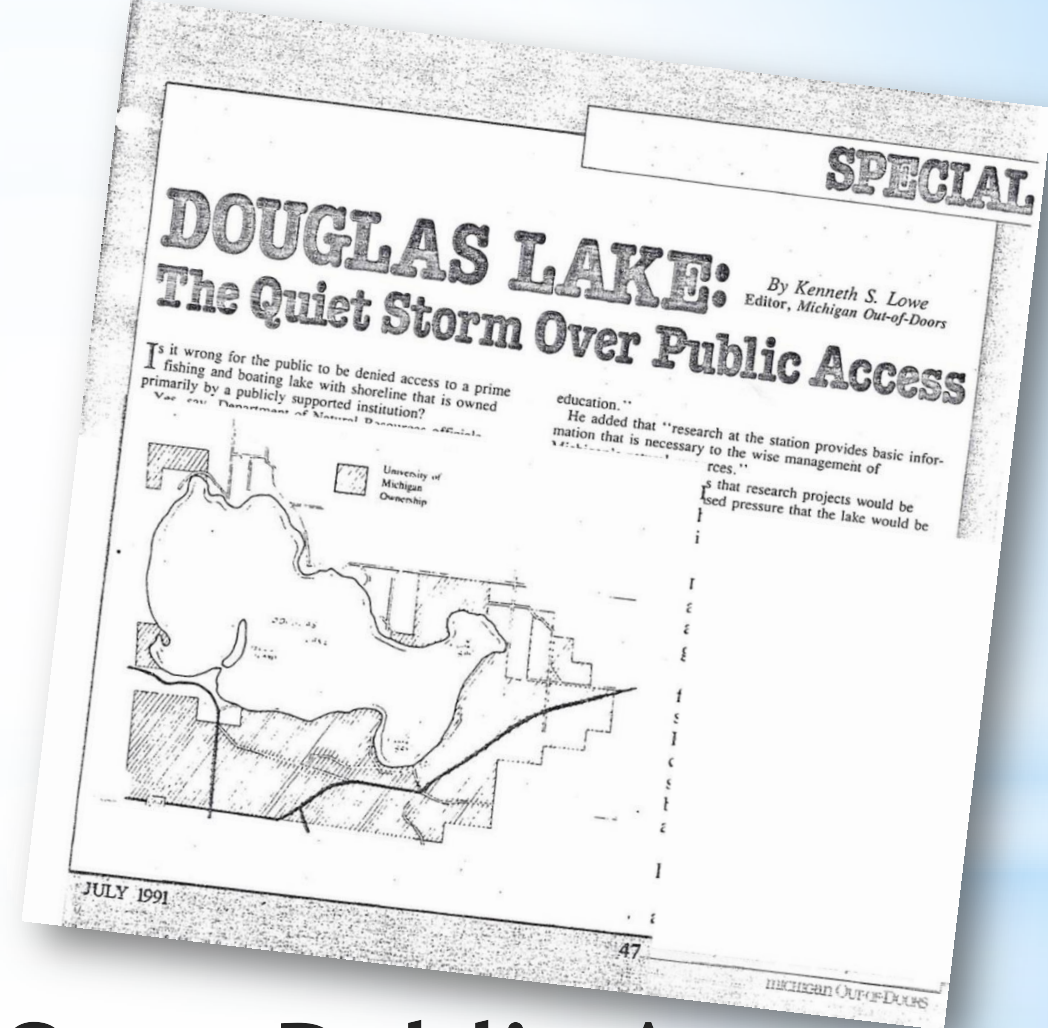


\*Douglas Lake  
Boat Ramp

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# Douglas Lake: The Quiet Storm Over Public Access

by Kenneth S. Lowe, Editor Michigan Out-Of-Doors, July 1991





The lake offers good fishing and the DNR wants the public to have access.

Since **1984**, Douglas Lake was on the DNR list of waters to purchase land for public access with money from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

(from *The Quiet Storm*, 1991)

# 1988

DNR wants to acquire a potential site on Douglas Lake

Meeting of:

Rep. James O'Neill, Jr., D-Saginaw

Peter Pellerito, assistant to the U-M VP for gov't affairs

Dr. Gordon Guyer, director of the DNR

Rodney Stokes of the DNR's Trust Fund staff

Agreement reached to remove Douglas Lake from the list for that fiscal year and would “confer” with U-M before being placed back on the list

(from *The Quiet Storm*, 1991)

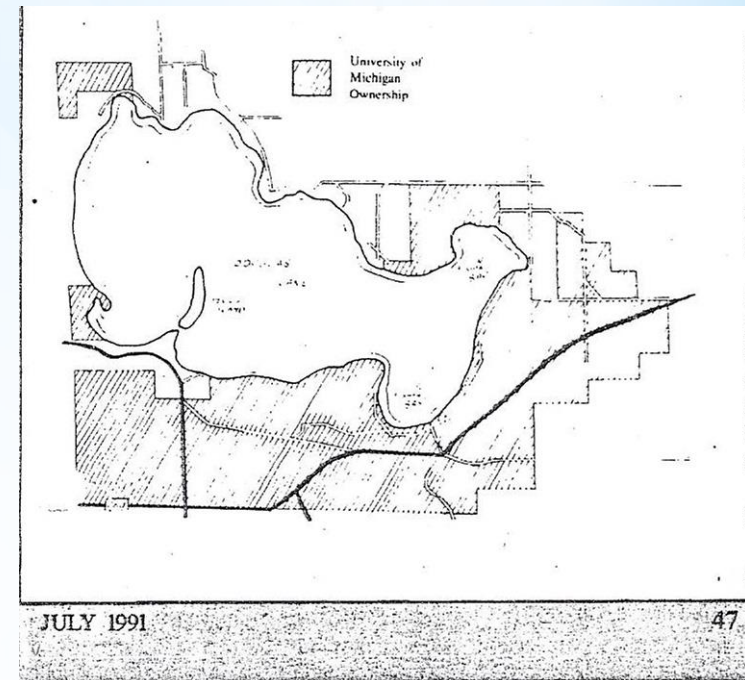


Efforts to acquire land were thwarted.

# April 1991

Legislature's Joint Capital Outlay Committee voted to remove DL from the list of waters to benefit from the Trust Fund for DNR approved public access.

(from *The Quiet Storm*, 1991)



\*TWO

Cruising for many years



DNR maintained the DL boat ramp for several years

1994 - major repositioning of the cement slabs

2013 - DNR will no longer maintain the ramp



Why not?

DNR - Parks and Recreation, Boating division

DNR would maintain the boat ramp  
if there were ample parking



## DNR - Parks and Recreation, Boating division

Their boat ramp guidelines are:

- Ample parking for the size and usage of lake
  - 25 spots is usual; ours may be 10-15
- Concrete slab 30' out, 13% grade, 45" of water
- Vault toilet
- Some facilities have a skid pad (dock)



## DNR - Parks and Recreation, Boating division

2012 - DNR met with the U of M Biological Station to discuss establishing a facility some where on Douglas Lake.

They did not discuss exact size or location of the facility.

U of M would like to see a boat washing station included if a new facility were built any where on Douglas Lake.



**DNR - Parks and Recreation, Boating division**

**Other nearby DNR Boat Ramps:**

Lancaster Lake

Munro Lake

Maple Bay on Burt Lake

Paradise Lake with boat washing station

All are DNR designed facilities











Signage at Lancaster Lake





Burt Lake







Maple Bay on Burt Lake  
DNR site

This is a large facility for  
a large lake with  
camping, beach, double  
wide boat ramp and 38  
parking spots.





# Paradise Lake

## Boat Washing Station

The Little Traverse Bay Bands  
of the Odawa  
received a federal grant  
to construct a boat wash station  
at the DNR access on Paradise Lake.



DNR boat ramp at Paradise Lake



Rain Garden designed by Tip of the Mitt

Are there boat ramps similar  
to the DL boat ramp in the area ?

non-DNR public boat ramps ?



# Burt Lake

## Mundt Rd road end

- Cheboygan county owns
- Burt Township maintains (township wants ownership)



## Hoppies road end

- Burt Township owns and maintains
- Hoppies has a 12x20 easement for their dock (99 year lease)







Burt Lake - Mundt Road road end







Burt Lake - Hoppies road end





 **THREE**  
**Today**

Who will maintain the ramp?

Who owns the ramp?

**Owner**

**Cheboygan County Road Commission**

- It is platted piece of land of Bryant's Resort
- 47' wide
- Has right-of-way

**Owner**

## **Cheboygan County Road Commission**

- **Responsible for the land up to the water's edge**
- **The land is not for sale; CCRC will keep ownership.**

# **Meeting 8/5/2013**

- **Cheboygan County Road Commission (CCRC)**
- **Munro Township**
- **Douglas Lake Improvement Association (DLIA)**

**First time these parties met in one location**



# Results of the 8/5/2013 Meeting

- CCRC acquired the 5 year DEQ dredging permit
- August 2013 CCRC plans to:
  - Level out the sand hump at the water's edge
  - Reposition cement slabs that their equipment will reach
  - Place a ton stone between ramp and the DLB to help prevent sand from washing back into the lake
- CCRC plans to maintain the ramp in the Spring, in the event of an ice push (as far as their equipment will reach)

# **Results of the 8/5/2013 Meeting** (continued)

- CCRC asked Munro Twp to cover materials used in the August work.
- Munro Twp asked if DLIA would pay for materials.
- **Munro Township Meeting 8/13/2013**
  - DLIA updated the Twp Board on the status of the DL boat ramp.
  - No decision was made who will pay for the materials from the CCRC's work to be done in August (CCRC estimates the afton stone cost - \$140).

# Good Cooperation

- We have good cooperation with Mike Roper, CCRC.
- Charlie Antkoviak, Munro Twp Supervisor, understands from Burt Township that it can cost ...
  - \$0 to \$4000 per year to maintain a road end boat ramp.
  - The CCRC will be able to reduce that cost with what work they can perform.
- The Township Board wants someone else to pay or at least share the cost.

## **Ramp needed for public service**

- The DL road end boat ramp is needed for fire protection and emergency service.
- The ramp is designated as a dry hydrant location by the Pellston Fire Dept

## TODAY

- CCRC is responsible for the land up to the water's edge
- Munro Twp asked if DLIA would share funding
  - Will need to get bids for work CCRC cannot do
  - Do we look for other public funding?

## **TODAY**

### **Search for public funding**

- Randy Bricker, Pellston Fire Chief - letter to Munro Twp
- Munro Twp will forward Randy's letter to Frank Foster (R- Representative, 107<sup>th</sup> district)
- County Commissioner, District 1, Linda Socha
  - She says to work through CCRC and Twp
- Sheriff's office?



## **Update 8/26/2013**

- The Cheboygan County Road Commission performed work on the boat ramp property on 8/26/2013
- The area was leveled with afloat stone and slabs were repositioned as much as they could
- After doing the work, CCRC said they would be able to help in the Spring with ice push conditions
- Plan: Munro Twp will contract a company to improve the slope of the ramp Spring 2014, and wants financial backing from the DLIA

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## The Future

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- The ramp can be maintained
- Need to settle who funds the maintenance
- This can be a cooperative project

End of the presentation

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