

PRATT LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 PUBLIC HEARINGS
PRACTICABILITY AND ASSESSMENT**

NAME OF LAKE: Pratt Lake

DATE/TIME: September 16, 2023 at 9:45AM

LOCATION: Sage Township Hall
1831 Pratt Lake Road
Gladwin, MI 48624

The Pratt Lake Improvement Board held a public meeting on September 16, 2023. This meeting included two public hearings. One public hearing was to consider the practicability of continuation of a lake improvement project ("the Project") for, among other things, aquatic plant control and various other related activities intend to improve the lake. The second public hearing was to consider an assessment roll to implement such Project.

A list of the property owners appearing in person at the hearing and all written correspondence related to the hearing are attached. **See attached sign-in sheets and comment cards, among other correspondence.**

Hearing all public comment, the Pratt Lake Improvement Board passed resolutions related to the practicability of the Project and the proposed assessment roll for the Project. **See attached resolutions.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sign: _____

Print: _____

Pratt Lake Improvement Board Secretary

Dated: Sept. 18, 2023

PRATT LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

SIGN-IN SHEET

September 16, 2023 - PUBLIC HEARINGS

Name (please print)	Street Address	City / Twp	Phone
JIM + MAEY REIGES	1782 PRATT LK RD	GLADWIN/SAGE	810-466-6890
WILFRED KNECK	1734 PRAIRIE LAKE	GLADWIN	999 426-5521
PAT KULTER	1768 Pratt Lake Rd.	Gladrin	989 627-8845
MARY MOULDING	1850 E PRATT LK		
CHRIS MEISSNER	1822 PRATT LK RD	GLADWIN	517-332-2774
NATHANIAL JOSLIN-BORE	1717 E PRATTLK RD	GLADWIN	
JENIDA HOLLEN	1700 E PRATTLK Rd	GLADWIN	
Ken Meyer	1606 W Pratt Lk Rd	Gladrin/Sage	248 404-7360
TERRY CLIFORD	1742 PRATTLAKE RD	GLADWIN	989-246-2325
Mark Schri Gennell	4491 Wagarville Rd	Gladrin/Sage	989-640-0502
DEBBY BARZGA	4501 W C MARICZ	Gladrin	989 822 9789
MIKE, Theresa SAUVE	1580 Pratt Lake Rd	"	989-573-2322
BEX RANGEME	1614 PRATT LAKE RD	GLADWIN	989-832-4348
ANNE M. DUSCH	1756 PRATT LK Rd	GLADWIN	517-416-0132
MURK ERYSHU	1829 E. PRATTLK Rd	GLADWIN	989 965 4172

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September 16, 2023 - PUBLIC HEARINGS

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Pratt Lake Homeowners
% John and Brenda Mattson
1523 Pratt Lk Rd.
Gladwin, MI 48624



Gladwin County Drain Commissioner
Terry Walters
555 W. Cedar Ave.
Gladwin, MI 48623

August 15, 2023

Terry Walters,

The homeowners on the canal on the south side of Pratt Lake are asking for assistance on making the waterway passable.

Due to the actions of the former drain commissioner our lake has been drastically lowered. There has not been enough precipitation over the last three years to bring it to the low "legal level".

This low level has brought on a high level of weed growth and the level is so low that muck is now higher in some places than the water level. This is lowering the property value of the homeowners. It is also damaging to the boaters using this canal.

We are asking for financial assistance to get this canal dredged as it would allow for the homeowners to put their boats in and enjoy the lake for which they are being taxed for.

Your prompt attention to this matter and an answer is greatly appreciated.

John + Brenda Mattson 1523 Pratt Lk Rd.

Jan + Sandy Arnold 1536 Pratt Lake Rd

Mark + Paula Hair 1530 Pratt Lake Rd

Nina Sikora 1520 E. Lake Point Dr.

Ed Fore 1516 E. Lake Point Dr.

Hannie Campbell 1540 Pratt Lk Rd

Mary Campbell

Mike + Theresa Sauer 1580 Pratt Lake

See attached 2 signed documents



Brenda Mattson <bmattson75@gmail.com>

Letter to drain commissioner

Chris <ccarpenter7289@charter.net>

Fri, Sep 8 at 9:31 PM

To: <Bmattson75@gmail.com>

John and Brenda Mattson:

My wife and I both agree with and approve your letter to the drain commissioner on the water level in our canal. We would also like to add the possibility to adjust the weir to allow less drainage as we will now have to replace our dock. The water level is so low it is no longer supported and is completely out of the water. We would also like to thank you for taking this on behalf of all of us in the canal as we all love Pratt lake and want to find something that suites all home owners on the lake.

Thank you
Chris and Jennifer Carpenter
1550 Pratt lake rd
Gladwin MI

Sent from my iPhone

Attachment 1

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Cyndi + Kaula Hair 1530 Pratt Lake Rd
Aina Likon 1520 E. Lake Point Dr.
Ed Foxe 1516 E. Lake Point Dr.
Annie Campbell 1540 Pratt Lk Rd
Mary Campbell
Mike + Theresa Sauer 1580 Pratt Lake
Paul Pratt 1597 W. Pratt Lake Point

Pratt Lake Improvement Board

September 11, 2023

555 West Cedar Avenue

Gladwin, Michigan 48624

RE: Tentative Approval of Continuing Lake Improvement Project **BUT** Objection to Special Assessment to 4415 Wagarville Road

Pratt Lake Improvement Board:

My wife Karen and I cannot attend the special assessment public hearing scheduled for September 16, 2023. Please consider this letter a formal written objection pursuant to the letter issued by the Pratt Lake Improvement Board and titled "Notice Of Public Hearings Of Practicability and Assessment".

We are the owners of a home on the NE side of Pratt Lake at 4415 Wagarville Road. We believe the lake improvement project should continue if it helps to degrade the invasive aquatic plants and does not harm humans and the local wildlife including but not limited to animals, birds, fish, amphibians and turtles. If the subject chemicals are toxic, the chemicals should not be used and available alternative safe products should instead be used. The excessive weeds in the lake are not acceptable and will cause further damage to the lake waters and the fishing and the general enjoyment.

Additionally, regardless of whether it is decided to continue with the "lake improvement project", we object to an assessment to our home at 4415 Wagarville Road. This is said because our home and the homes at the NE side of the lake have been refused the benefits of prior lake aquatic plant control. I was told in early summer of 2023 by Chris Meisser that Ray (the lake aquatic plant control person) will not spray at the NE side of the lake. The reason given was that our homes are located near the Curtis farm and that Curtis states that

because our area is near the water inlet/outlet (i.e., the drain by the wetland) he as a farmer does not want "poison" water flowing into his fields and/or poisoning his cattle. Bottom line is that Chris Meisser told me that there was nothing that could be done to include our area of the lake in the aquatic lake control and, if we wanted to reduce/eliminate the overgrown plant life in our area, we had to personally pay to have our areas dredged (via an EGLE permit). As a result of our exclusion from the aquatic plant control applications, our lake front is overgrown and continues to get worse. It is not legally fair to direct a dollar assessment to a homeowner and at the same time intentionally deprive that homeowner of the purpose and the benefit of the assessment.

In summary, (1) we object to the use of chemicals added to the lake for aquatic plant control that are poisonous to living entities, but if the chemicals are not toxic/poisonous we consent to the assessment, but (2) regardless of whether the aquatic lake control special assessment is passed, we request an exemption from the special assessment for the reason that the assessment intentionally excludes us from the benefits and effects of the aquatic plant control.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael (and Karen) Clark', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael (and Karen) Clark

4415 Wagarville Road

Gladwin, Michigan 48624

419-351-4244