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Date: September 26, 2017

Memo to: Carroll Schaal, Acting Council Chair, Wisconsin Geographic Names Council

CC: David Winston, GIS Specialist/Cartographer – Water Quality Bureau/Water Division

From: Michael J Romportl, Land Information Director   
Sonny Paszak, Chair, Oneida County Land Records Committee

RE: Landberg Lake Geographic Name Change

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March 27, 2017

Mr. Mike Romporti  
Land Records Committee  
Oneida County Courthouse  
P. O. Box 400  
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RE: DNR/Lake Name Change  
Our file no. 19280-17-3

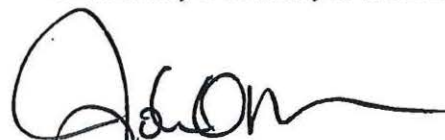
Dear Mike:

I have enclosed a *Geographic Name Proposal* for your consideration. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

**O'MELIA, SCHIEK, & McELDOWNEY, S.C.**

  
John F. O'Melia  
State Bar no. 1004293

JFO:cl  
Enclosures

**Notice:** Personal information collected may be made available to requesters under Wisconsin's Open Records law (ss. 19.31-19.39, Wis. Stats.).

**Instructions:** See page 2 for naming guidelines. Send form and inquiries to the above address.

**Geographic Feature Information**

Description of Feature – Include size (acres), length (miles) or population, etc.	Recommended Name of Feature
10 Acres	Lake Ruth Ann
Other Names or Spellings in Use: <u>Landberg Lake</u>	By Whom: (Name and Address) <u>Landberg Family</u> <u>5380 Lake View Lane</u> <u>Rhineland, WI 54501</u>

Reason for this Proposal – Identify Problem and Need (Attach supplementary sheet if necessary)

See Attached Document

Origin and Significance of Recommended Name – Attach Supporting Documents (resolution, historical data, etc.)

See Attached Document

Feature Location	DNR Use Only	
County ONEIDA	PE 244, PE 235-1 PE 245, PE 235-3	Lat. ° ' " , Long. ° ' "
Stream	Heads: Sec. _____, T _____ N, R _____ E / W Ends: Sec. _____, T _____ N, R _____ E / W	Lat. ° ' " , Long. ° ' "
Lake, Village, etc.	Secs. <u>19</u> , T <u>36N</u> , R <u>9E</u>	Lat. ° ' " , Long. ° ' "
	USGS Quad. Name	Index Number

**Applicant Information**

Name Dr. Irving Schiek III	Agency	Telephone Number (include area code) 715-369-3083	
Address 5380 Lake View Lane	City Rhineland	State WI	ZIP Code 54501
Signature of Applicant <i>Irving Schiek III</i>		Date Signed 3-25-11	

**DNR Use Only – Map Search and Field Investigation**

Name of Map or Other Reference	Date of Ref.	Name Given Feature
Person Contacted	Address	Occupation
Special Concerns		
Findings and Recommendation		
Signature of Investigator		Date Signed



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**History**

The duties and functions of the State Geographic Board were transferred by Section 25(1)(A) of Chapter 75, Laws of 1967, to the Natural Resources Board. Subsequently the Natural Resources Board assigned the duties and functions to the Division of Resource Management and retained the State Chief Engineer, the State Geologist, the State Cartographer and a designee from the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, as advisors as a Geographic Names Council.

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**Statutory Authority – Section 23.25, Wis. Stats.: Geographic Powers and Duties**

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- (1) The department shall:
  - (a) Determine the correct and most appropriate names of the lakes, streams, places and other geographic features in the state, and the spelling thereof;
  - (b) Pass upon and give names to lakes, streams, places and other geographic features in the state for which no single generally accepted name has been in use;
  - (c) In cooperation with county boards and with their approval, to change the names of lakes, streams, places and other geographic features, with the end in view of eliminating, as far as possible, duplication of names within the state;
  - (d) Prepare and publish an official state dictionary of geographic names and to publish the same, either as a completed whole or in parts when ready;
  - (e) Serve as the state representative of the U.S. geographic board and cooperate with the said board to the end that there shall be no conflicts between the state and federal designations of geographic features in the state.
- (2) Whenever the department has given a name to any lake, stream, place or other geographic feature within the state, or determined the correct spelling of any such name, it shall be used in all maps, reports and other publications thereafter issued by the state or any of its political subdivisions, and shall be deemed the official name of such geographic feature.
- (3) No person shall in any advertisement or publication attempt to modify local usage or name unnamed geographic features without first obtaining the approval of the department. In case of a violation of this subsection, the department may promptly announce its disapproval and thereafter adopt an official name for such feature.

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**Policy of the State of Wisconsin Geographic Names Council**

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**It is the policy of the State of Wisconsin Geographic Names Council:**

- (A) Not to name a geographic feature after any living person.
- (B) Names having a scientific derivation are not as a rule acceptable.
- (C) Names with historical significance or with Indian or French origin are usually appropriate, but care should be exercised that the Indian names are from tribes native to Wisconsin. They should not be too long nor difficult of pronunciation.
- (D) That newly acquired proper names for geographic features shall not be designated with "s" or "s", indicating possession, following the name. For example: Mott Lake, rather than Mott's Lake or Motts Lake.
- (E) That only lakes 10 acres or more in size shall be considered by the Council for naming unless reason is evidenced for special consideration by the Council. For example: significant public use.
- (F) That only streams 5 miles or more in length shall be considered by the Council for naming unless reason is evidenced for special consideration by the Council. For example: trout stream.

**The U.S. Board on geographic names has indicated the following guidelines with reference to the naming of geographic features:**

- (A) That local usage be followed whenever possible.
- (B) That the specific name precede the generic name. For example: preference is given to Alice Lake rather than Lake Alice.
- (C) That whenever practicable the recommended names include single names only followed by the generic name. For example: preference is given to Meyer Lake rather than John Meyer Lake.
- (D) That hyphens be omitted in newly established names.
- (E) That descriptive words such as "Big", "Little", etc., be eliminated unless they are necessary for proper identification of the feature.

Below are the reasons why I would like to request the name change for Landberg Lake:

1. I own 110 acres in the township of Pelican, Oneida County, Wisconsin.
2. The land in the plat book is described as PE 244, PE 245, PE 235-1, and PE 235-3
3. All the parcels are together, but the lake is a 10 acre lake located between the 40 acres – 244 and 245
4. The current name of the lake is Landberg Lake and is the lake I wish the name change. The new name would be either Lake Ruth Ann or Ruth Ann Lake.
5. The history:
  - a. This property was previously owned by Victor Landberg who was a bachelor. He lived here his whole life and sold the property to us in 1967, he was 70.
  - b. Vic moved to Milwaukee to live with his sister in 1970 and died there.
  - c. There are no Landberg family members left.
  - d. Vic farmed this property and worked for the township of Crescent. He had no use for the lake because he could not farm it. This is evident by the fact his house faced away from the lake and he used the lake as a dump. We removed garbage including broken glass from the lake for years.
  - e. The property has only been owned by two people and will continue to be for years.
  - f. My wife's mom was Elsie Janke and her mom's sister was named Ruth Ann. My wife was named after her aunt.
  - g. The name change would be after my wife's namesake, her aunt Ruth Ann. It seems appropriate because Ruth Ann, who lived in Russian (previously Germany) took in young kids and cared for them no questions asked. My wife is the same way. This property is referred to as Camp Ruthie by kids and adults alike.
  - h. The lake is used by kids for swimming and fishing. The kids love it even if the bluegills are small. After we are gone, the property will be set aside for our four children and eight grandchildren to take over the property and use it.

## **Ruth Ann Lake: New Name (Commemorative)**

**Recommended Name of Feature:** Ruth Ann Lake or Lake Ruth Ann (10.36 acres)

**Current Name of Feature:** Landberg Lake (WBIC 996800)

Landberg Lake (ID 1567826)	GNIS
Landberg Lake	WDNR – Register of Waterbodies
Landberg Lake (ID 0996800)	Oneida County GIS

**Location & Description:** T36N R9E Sec. 19; Town of Pelican, Oneida County

[DNR Location Map](#)

The feature is a 10.36 acre lake in Oneida County, in the town of Pelican (about 2.35 miles south of Rhinelander). It has a maximum depth of 22 feet. The feature is not connected to other water features in DNR hydro data. There are no other waterbodies or features sharing the name of Ruth Ann in Wisconsin.

**Proponent:** Dr. Irving Schiek III (Rhinelander, WI)

**Summary:** This is a commemorative naming proposal. The proponent purchased the private property surrounding the lake from previous owner Victor Landberg in 1967. The proponent believes that Landberg mistreated the lake and would like to change the name to that of a deceased family member who was known for taking in young children in Russia (Ruth Ann). The proponent emphasized that the property would stay with the family for years to come.

**Local Opinion:** Oneida County approved the proposed name on 10/28/2017. No official recommendation form was received from the Town of Pelican, however, an approval of the proposed name in a town council meeting was enclosed with the proposal materials.

**Decision:** The Council decided to recommend that the name be proposed to the Board of Geographic Names as a variant name. Previous cases that were similar were used as context, where the WGNC approved names changes to small, private lakes (Cook and Hutchinson Lakes in Oneida County) and the BGN denied them but listed the proposed names as variant names on official records (GNIS database). The proposed names in the past were rejected by BGN due to lack of public interest and already-existing names. In the meantime, it is noted that local authorities may label the waterbody as Ruth Ann Lake on plat maps and other records.



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LAKEVIEW LN

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Thank you for your consideration of the matter.



RESOLUTION # 04-2017

Resolution offered by the Supervisors of the Land Records Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the Oneida County Land Records Committee received a request from the adjoining landowner, I. E. Schiek, who owns all the land around Landberg Lake, to change the name of Landberg Lake to Ruth Ann Lake. Landberg Lake is located in the Town of Pelican, Section 19, Township 36 North, Range 9 East as shown on the map below; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 24 of the Oneida County Code outlines the process of renaming Geographic Features Names; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Records Committee advertised the proposed name change as directed by said Chapter 24 and heard and reviewed comments at the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Land Records Committee meeting; and,

WHEREAS, no opposition to changing the lake name has been voiced or received; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Pelican has approved the request to change the name Landberg Lake to Ruth Ann Lake and the Land Records Committee recommends that the County Board support such name change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the request to rename Landberg Lake to Ruth Ann Lake and authorizes the Land Records Committee to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting such change to the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council attaching a certified copy of this resolution.

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes 3 No \_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, [Signature], Date: 9/12/17

Approved by the Land Records Committee this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

Consent Agenda Item:  YES  NO

Offered and passage moved by:

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**Resolution # 64-2017**

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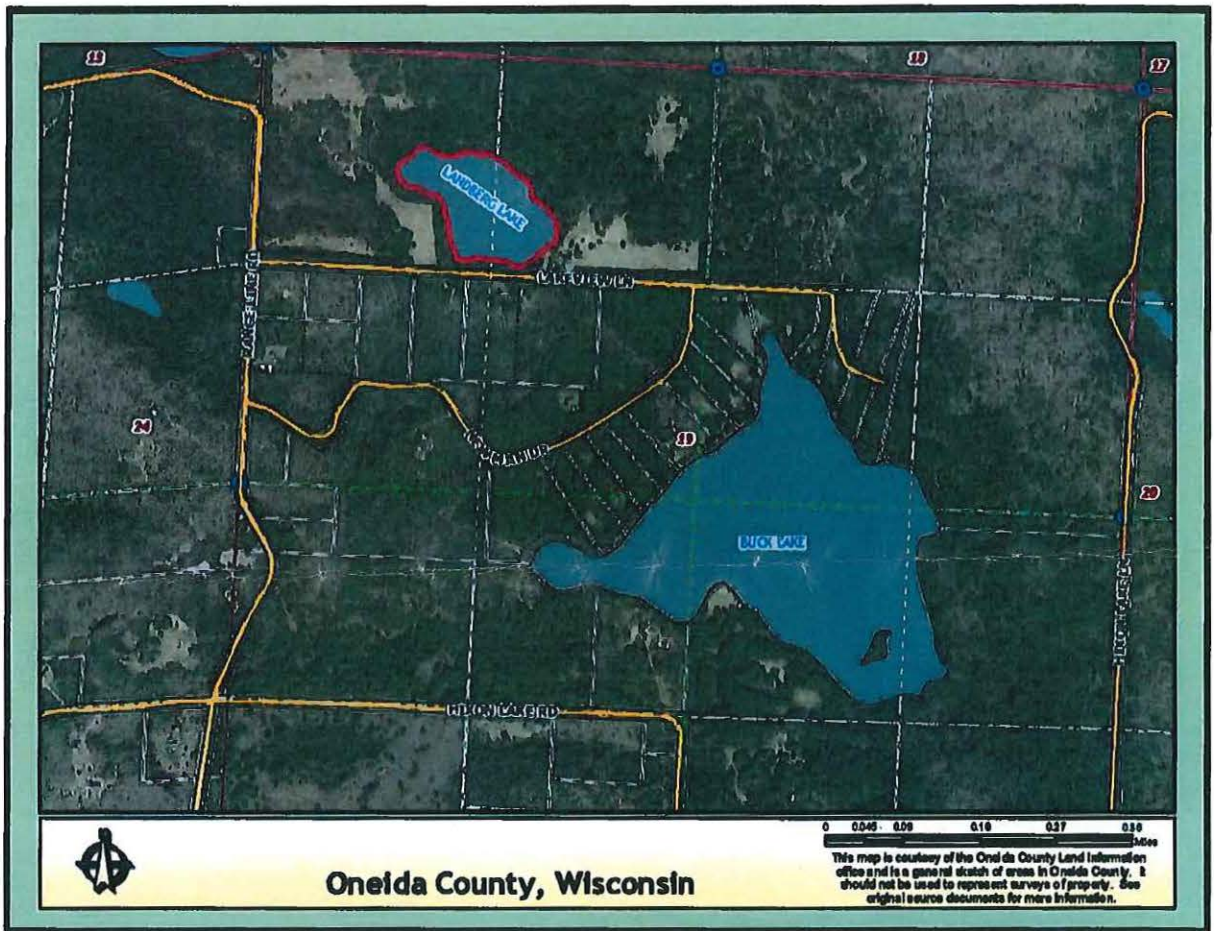
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X Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 19 day September, 2017.

Defeated  
Tracy Hartman  
Tracy Hartman, County Clerk

D. Hintz  
David Hintz, County Board Chair



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STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
County of Oneida )

I, Tracy Hartman, County Clerk in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy has been compared by me with the original Resolution #64-2017 adopted by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors at the regular meeting held on September 19, 2017; that it is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof, as the same remains of record in my office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed the seal of the County Clerk of Oneida County at my office in Rhinelander, Wisconsin on September 19, 2017.

  
Tracy Hartman, County Clerk



State of Wisconsin  
County of Oneida

This Document was signed before me on September 19, 2017 by Tracy Hartman.

  
Notary Public, Oneida County, Wisconsin  
My Term Expires 12-31-21



State of Wisconsin  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
Geographic Names Council  
101 S. Webster Street  
PO Box 7921  
Madison WI 53707-7921



## Wisconsin Geographic Names Council

### GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL RECOMMENDATION

Proposed Geographic Name RUTH ANN LAKE

This is to notify the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council that:

ONEIDA COUNTY  
(Name of government entity, organization, or individual)

Recommends that the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council:

**Approve the Proposed Name**

**Reject the Proposed Name**

**Render a Decision Without Our Recommendation**

See ATTACHED

Comments (the following factors contributed to this recommendation; attach supporting documentation if appropriate):

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(Name)

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Michael Romportl  
(Signature)

10/28/17  
(Date)

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Dan Meyer, Secretary  
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10/19/2017

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Wisconsin Geographic Names Council has received a proposal to name or change the name of a geographic feature that falls within Oneida County. Local opinion and support is highly valued by the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council when making naming decisions, therefore we are seeking your input with this correspondence.

Below you will find a geographic name proposal summary. I can provide the official proposal form and case documents upon your request.

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Please return the attached recommendation form with your county's recommendation as soon as possible. If no response is received by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council will make a recommendation to the United States Bureau on Geographic Names without your input.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns,

Nicholas J. Hill  
Water Resources Management Specialist – Bureau of Water Quality  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
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September 5, 2017

Mr. Dennis Wiese  
WI Dept. of Natural Resources  
P. O. Box 7921  
Madison, WI 53707-7921

RE: Lake Name Request  
Our file no. 19280-17-3

Dear Mr. Wiese:

Enclosed is a certified copy of the Resolution that was passed by the Oneida County Board of Supervisors regarding our petition to change the name of Landberg Lake to the name of Ruth Ann Lake. I previously forwarded Dr. Schiek's petition and I ask that you please incorporate this Resolution into our petition for your committee's review.

I ask that we be notified when this matter will be heard so that we can attend the hearing in Madison.

Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

**O'MELIA, SCHIEK, & McELDOWNEY, S.C.**

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cc: Dr. Irv Schiek

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Consent Agenda Item:  YES  NO

Offered and passage moved by:

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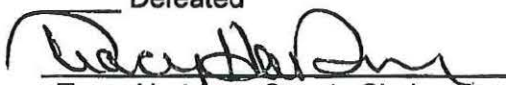
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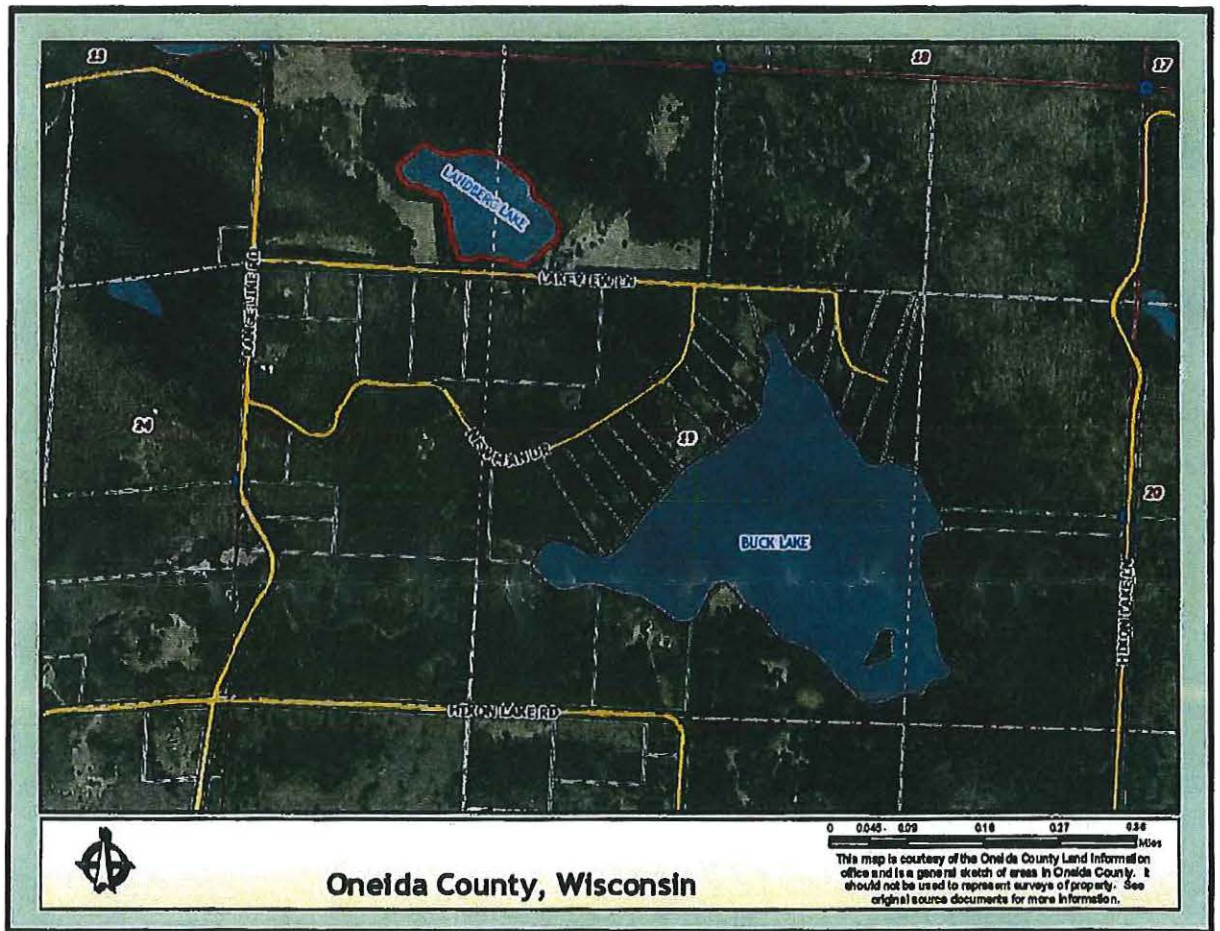
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- 19 Ayes
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Dear Mr. Dennis Wiese,

This is a letter to explain the request for the name change of Landberg Lake to Ruth Ann Lake. We own 110 acres of land in the Township of Pelican, Oneida County. In that 110 acres, there is a 10 acre lake that is completely surrounded by our property. There is no one else on the lake or anyone to complain.

The name Landberg Lake came from the previous owner Vick Landberg who owned the land and lake since the 30s. He was a bachelor. When he sold the property to us in 1967, he moved to Milwaukee to live with his sister. Since then, they both have died. There are no remaining Landbergs in Oneida county. In the 50 years we have owned the property, there has never been any Landberg family member who stopped by to see the old homestead. In fact no family, friends, or anyone has ever stopped.

Vick never appreciated the lake. He was a farmer and felt the lake was wasted space. His house faced away from the lake. His front porch and viewing deck were to the field side of the house. His outdoor toilet was built about 50 feet from the lake. He used the lake as a dump. Where in the lake a dock might have been were cans and broken glass and other junk that took several years to clean up out of the lake.

On the other hand, the lake has been shared with family and friends for 50 years. Fishing and swimming are high on the list for kids to enjoy. The land surrounding the lake has been left to reforest for our wild critters and has. I doubt that any of my friends or neighbors know the name Landberg Lake, but rather associate the lake with our family name. In fact, there are people in our family that fit that description.

We have 4 children and 8 grandkids. When we are "gone" the property will pass to them to keep doing what we have started - 50 years and counting. Others that have enjoyed the lake : I have 3 brother and 2 sisters. They have 9 kids and 11 grandkids. My wife has a brother who has 4 kids and 8 grandkids. Add in friends and neighbors to also share and there is plenty to keep The "Schiek" property busy.

My family has been active in this community since 1908 when my Grandfather came here. He, my Dad, and I were all doctors who served this community over a 100+ years. My wife's grandparents immigrated here from Russia in the late 18 hundreds. Her mom and dad were born here and lived and worked here for 80+ years. My wife's grandmother had a sister named Ruth Ann who she is named after.

The name Landberg no longer fits. Whereas the new name will honor our family and remind friends and neighbors for years to come of our presence in the community.

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*PS - my 6 yr old granddaughter said "it's a good idea"*