

Lake Killian [Name Change]

Recommended Name of Feature: Lake Killian

Current Name of Feature: Spring Lake (WBIC 388000)

Spring Lake (388000)	USGS - Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)
Spring lake (388000)	WDNR – Register of Waterbodies
Spring Lake (WBIC 388000)	WDNR 24k Hydrology
Spring Lake (WBIC 388000)	County GIS
Spring Lake	Google Maps
Spring Lake (WBIC 388000)	USGS Topography
Spring Lake, Lake Killian	Local Names

Location & Description: 70-acre feature with current name of Spring Lake near Pearson, Langlade County. The Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Camp is located on the Lake. Coordinates 45.365955, -88.962578. There are two other (smaller) “Spring” Lakes in Langlade Co. Spring Creek drains Spring Lake.

Proponent: Jonathan Rudnick--- jon@rudnick.org, Agency Boy Scouts of America.

Summary: This is a commemorative name for Victor (Vic) J. Killian. Vic founded the Killian plumbing company in 1920’s. He originally donated land and funds to the original camp that was 240 acres of land along the eastern shore of ‘Spring Lake’. After the camp closed in 1944 due to polio outbreak, Killian donated material, funds, and expertise as well as his team to perform major upgrades to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan’s water and sewage systems. He continued assisting the camp well into the 1970’s. In 1958 the camp purchased an additional 210 acres on the west side of the lake, and now occupies the whole lake shoreline. At this time campers and staff began referring to the lake as Lake Killian due to the efforts of supporting the camp over the years. Additional references to the name being used are provided by Mr. Rudnick. Additional material, provided by the proponent, documents the additional use of the name. Lake Killian: a 1972 Scout Leader Manual; a 1975 Camp Guidebook, a 1984 Painted Map Mural, A 2000’s-era Campsite Map, a 2003 Trail Map, a 2004 Wood Map, a 2006 Camp Promo Brochure, a 2008 Trail Map, and a 2017 Campsite Map.

Local Opinion:

Langlade County- Render a decision without a recommendation
Town of Ainsworth - In support

Decision: