

LONG LAKE

Property Owners Association

Eagle Pointe Plaza

July 4, 2026

Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Long Lake Property Owners Association was called to order 10:02 AM.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary, Valerie Howard.

Present: Micheal Lesich (President), Diane Carroll (Vice President), Chris Lyon (Treasurer), Valerie Howard (Secretary)

Zone Directors Present: Scott Henson, Jim Behm, Lawne Hillert, Gale Jones, Fran Siems

Zone Directors Absent: Sue Bedra, Anne Durbin, Jennifer Henson, Tammy Jordan, Rock McNeil, Laura Noble, Deb Salgat, Fran Siems, Michele Taylor,

Meeting Minutes:

The May 23, 2026 meeting minutes were presented by the Secretary, Valerie Howard. Motion by Diane Carroll and seconded by Chris Lyon to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for General Fund

Chris Lyon presented the Treasurer's Report dated 06/30/2026

Motion by David Wirth and seconded by Mike Lesich to accept the Treasurer's report for the General Fund -Motion carried.

- Member Contributions as of June 30, 2026, \$4,059
- Total Expense's \$5,308.29
- Budget Adjustment- added \$1500 for a Summer Picnic for next year.
- General Fund -Amount used so far \$1,248.48
- Ending Bank Balance \$ 11,873.99
- Fish Fund Balance: \$5,301.36

Proposed Budget for 2026/2027

- Most Expense amounts remained unchanged in the budget; however, Chris highlighted the most significant changes.
- Member Dues for 2026/2027 is now reduced from \$6,000 to \$5,000, as we only received \$4,0459 this year.
- Insurance increased from \$750-\$900.
- Summer Picnic-added \$1,500 in budget for next year.
- Budget used approximately \$9,500, we hope to take in about \$5,000 from dues, and the remaining \$4,500 will come out of the bank

Motion by Diane Carroll and seconded by Jim Behm to accept the Treasurer's Proposed Budget - Motion carried.

Questions regarding funding the General Fund & Membership

- We need new LLPOA memberships to generate the funds needed to operate. We did have some significant contributions in the bank from the generosity of a few members from a few years ago which has been keeping us operating. We need to work on increasing our membership and watch our budget closely.
- A question was asked about possibly increasing the dues, the last increase was 2009 and it was raised from \$15 to \$20. At this time, no change was made to the dues.
- Out of the 500 lakefront properties only 193 have paid their dues this year. We are hopeful with the upgraded website we will be able to extract a list of everyone that is not a member by their address and parcel# and get it to the zone directors to reach out to them.
- A question was raised is there a possibility that some people that live on the lake are not aware of everything the LLPOA does and what their \$20 goes for and how it would help us. He didn't know until he started going to the meetings. He thinks folks may think as a member it's about the fish fund and weed control and he doesn't know if they know how much time and effort that goes into making this all happen, and the higher our membership is, the more voice we have with the township.
- A decision was made that we need to make a large attempt to get more members.
- One of the zone director's asked if we as an association could put together a flier, that shows the many reasons to join the LLPOA and how it will help increase our voice with the township, a self-addressed stamped envelope that shows many reasons to join the LLPOA, and the Zone Directors could take it the homes of his nonmember neighbors ,he said how easy could we make it for them to join. A lively discussion was had on once we the fliers, who will get them to the non-members? The Head Zone Director volunteered to do, while others felt the zone directors in each section should deliver them.
- Action needed: Create a Flier with the reasons to join along with an application, self-addressed stamped envelopes and the list of non-members and get them to the Head Zone Directors to coordinate with the individual zone directors for distribution.

Fish Fund Report

Chris Lyon presented the Treasurer's Report dated 06/30/2026 for the Fish Fund

- We had several very generous contributors this year, collecting \$5,301 and we spent \$5,262.50 on the fish planting
- We will adjust the Budget revenue for Contributions to \$5,000
- We will keep the Budget for the fish planting at \$7,500.

Motion by Pat Zens and seconded by Laura Lesich to accept the Treasurer's Fish Fund Report -Motion carried.

Special Assessment for Weed Control (SAD) Chris Lyon presented the Treasurer's Report dated 06/30/2026 for the Special Assessment for Weed Control

The Long Lake Property Owners Association works with Plainfield Township to manage the aquatic weed control program. The Township manages the finances of the SAD.

The Treasurer's Report dated June 30, 2026, was reviewed. The reported balance is temporarily higher than actual because the pending Township payment of approximately \$27,000 for June treatments (received in early July) was not included in the report. After accounting for this payment, the net balance available is roughly \$32,000 for the remainder of the year's treatments. The account with Restorative Lake Sciences is current.

This spring, treatment focused on invasives (EWM, Curly Leaf Pondweed, Starry Stonewort). Discussion centered on the SAD rate for next year. The current rate of \$110 per lakefront parcel was restored this year following earlier shortfalls. Significant increases in chemical and treatment costs have created the need for additional funding to avoid future deficits and maintain adequate reserves (target approximately 50% of the annual budget).

****Proposed Resolution****

WHEREAS, the Long Lake Property Owners Association (LLPOA) successfully works with Plainfield Township to manage the aquatic weed control program through the Special Assessment District (SAD), with the Township managing the finances for the benefit of lakefront properties; and

WHEREAS, there has been a notable increase in invasive aquatics such as Starry Stonewort along with ongoing efforts to address Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed, which are adding significant challenges and costs to the management program; and

WHEREAS, chemical and treatment costs have increased substantially (30–40% for some essential products); and

WHEREAS, the current SAD rate of \$110 per lakefront parcel is insufficient to cover long-term projected expenses without risking future deficits;

The Board agreed to request a 10% increase per parcel annually from the Township. Adjustments of less than 10% can be approved by Board resolution, while larger increases historically require substantial cost and effort. There was consensus to pursue adequate funding proactively to preserve local control over lake management decisions. The Board has determined that an increase of 10.50 per parcel is sufficient and does not exceed the 10% threshold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LLPOA Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the Board President and Treasurer to formally request a \$10.50 increase in the Special Assessment, from \$110 to \$120.50 per lakefront parcel for an estimated total increase of \$5,250, from Plainfield Township for the upcoming fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will provide continue to provide supporting cost documentation to the Township and, if necessary, adopt any additional resolutions or take further actions to support the management of aquatic weed control on Long Lake; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this request shall be communicated to the Township, with follow-up as required.

Adopted by the LLPOA Board of Directors this 4th day of July, 2026.

- David Wirth resolved to make a motion that we increase our assessment by 10% effective for the 2027/2028 Winter tax bill, so that it will be approved at the August meeting.

Diane Carroll made a motion to approve the resolution, Craig Egresics seconded the motion to address the Plainfield Township Board requesting a 10% increase in the SAD Special Assessment for Lake

Management and Weed control for the 2027/2028 fiscal year. It was unanimous, no opposition, motion carried.

Lake Treatment Update

- Ben Schermerhon from Restorative Lake Sciences (RLS) spoke at our meeting today.
- In May things were looking standard, they found Starry Stonewort which currently covers 18 acres in the middle of the lake, it creates a very dense mat and will choke out all of the native vegetation. Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), Curly-Leaf Pondweed, the EWM is pretty much always there, it is looking good, but 2 areas pop-up year after year, they are treated.
- RLS found some native vegetation that was in the channel and down by the Long Lake Bar area to keep those docks open for recreational pathway and to make that channel navigable, we want to be careful in treating native vegetation and nuisance native vegetation in general, those native plants take the nutrient load out of the lake.
- To define nuisance native, it has to be truly impeding recreation purposes. If you have an entire acre and it's topped out and you can't navigate through it, that is truly nuisance native and truly impeding your swim area or dock system. If it's just a few plants, we live on a lake, it is a healthy balanced eco system and we need the vegetation to absorb the nutrients.
- Ben stated he gets comments saying that I don't want any weeds, I want a clear swimming pool, he promised us, that we do want weeds to absorb the nutrient load and sediment stabilization to keep the suspended particles trapped on the bottom of the lake and that creates your fish environment. He gave an example that was mismanaged in 2010, they did heavy sonar treatments across the entire water body and that it ended up killing the majority 95% to 99% of all of the native vegetation and that lake struggles with alga blooms to this day.
- Plant mass in the lake is very good and Long Lake has a lot of vegetation, the water clarity has always been very solid, in the next survey end of July/early August he will do the water quality sampling and will do a full scan of the lake, maps will be generated at the year-end report.
- Starry Stonewort, has it expanded? No. If you see Starry Stonewort and remove it from your swimming area, don't just rake it up and toss it out farther in the lake. Starry Stonewort can & will spread through fragmentation. They will monitor it and will document it in the next survey, creating a map that shows all of the exact locations of A, B, C, D to help in the long term.
- Filamentous algae, native to Michigan, a natural & crucial part of our lake, however once those populations explode that is when we will start seeing those dense floating mats.
- What causes it: Phosphorus and Nitrates (fertilizer) getting into the lake
- How can we treat it: Copper Sulfate or Chelated copper combo, if it's just a little glob here and there, we don't treat just to avoid extra copper products in the water body. We do treat it if it becomes bad but we can only treat algae 100 ft of shoreline and 100 ft out into the lake due to eco requirements.
- How can we prevent it? If folks are irrigating their lawns, be very cautious of fertilization, use phosphate free or use no fertilizer. Instead pull water out of the lake and don't use fertilizer at all because the lake has nitrates / phosphorous in it already, so by recycling lake water you are not

adding extra inputs to the water body. By doing this it will help us conserve money to treat the nuisance natives and invasives.

- If you have grass that goes all the way down to the lake, have a buffer zone between the grass and the lake, plant wildflowers because they will absorb the nutrient load before it gets into the lake.
- Any Cyano Algae found? No. Super toxic to dogs and pets, and by having the native plants really helps to keep Cyano Algae away.
- Goopy grape looking clumps, they are Bryozoans and are a sign of a very healthy lake and are natural to the water system. The algae that you see inside is actually algae that these colonies are filtering from the lake to feed themselves. Gross as they may be, they indicate great things about the health and well-being of the lake.
- Swimming Areas: Can we just scoop out the Algae mat and native pond weeds out of our swimming areas? Yes. Tools most often used are metal rakes and a pool skimmer. Avoid any chemical treatments in your swim area.
- Zebra Mussels, Ben has seen some on vegetation that he pulls out of the lake, but it's something that can't be treated because you have to use super high rates of Copper Sulfate and once you start to target macro invertebrates then you target them all. Ben has not seen an alarming amount on docks. It used to be a lot worse. If everyone rakes them up and gets them out of the lake is the best way.
- Question was asked if we can we privatize our lake, the answer was no.

Fish Committee Update

- Jay Peters was not able to attend the meeting today.
- Chris will let Jay know how much he has available for planting
- Jay is looking for volunteers to join the fish committee, if you are interested let Jay know.

Canadian Geese Management

- Currently we use Goose Busters, we file an application with the state in the winter, Goose Busters survey's the lake 1 or 2 times each year, they surveyed the lake twice this year to identify nest locations.
- What the DNR allows is "Nest Destruction" which includes if there are unhatched eggs in the nest, they can destroy them. If there are no eggs, they can destroy the nest by turning them upside down and chase away the geese as much as possible. The nest destruction can only occur in May.
- We can't relocation the geese due to the avian flu. DNR says you can be aggressive in shooing them away.
- If anyone is aware of a current nest location, please let us know, we can let Goose Busters know for next year, as they show up in the same areas most of time.

Zone Directors Reports/ Welcome Committee

- Scott & Jen Henson continue as our Main Zone Directors.
- At the meeting today only 5 of the 14 Zone Directors attended.

- Zone 1 Director (Currently Deb Salgat) has stepped down and has requested that we find a new Zone 1 director. – Zone 1 includes the following streets on the lake: Onawa, Mary, Grace, Main and Pinellas Drive. If you'd like to become a zone director for that area, please let us know.
- The Zone Directors are responsible for meeting anyone new that moves into their zone, and reaching out to folks in their zone that are not members of the LLPOA.

LLPOA Boat Parade

- Saturday July 4th
- 12:30PM Line Up at the Long Lake Bar Boat Dock
- Parade starts: 1:00 PM and asking the boats to do the entire lake so everyone on the lake gets a chance to see the boat parade.
- There will be judges strategically places around the lake
- A suggestion was made that the since the LLPOA sponsor's the the parade, and gives out the prizes for the winners, that we should have Banners on the lead boat for folks to Join the LLPOA a suggestion to adding a QR Code to the banner, so folks could hold their phone up, scan the code and easily join the Association or renew their dues right then. Try to make is easier, and more convenient ways to join or renew.
- **LLPOA Golf Outing**
- Golf Outing is Saturday August 22, 2026.
- Wicker Hills Golf Course, 7287 Wickert Rd, Hale Mi
- Contact Brandon or Cam Thomson to get signed up, this event fills up fast
- This event is held to fund our Long Lake Fish Fund and as a members get together.
- 2025 this event raised \$1,493 for our Fish Fund.

Welcome Packet Committee

- The LLPOA has purchased additional copies of The Michigan Riparian Magazine from 2018 with a section in it on Long Lake in Iosco County, it gives the history of the lake, many old pictures for the 1900's from Jim LaBerge who lived on the lake, a map with Historic sites and lots of information on the lake and are giving them to Scott & Jennifer Henson to put in the Lake Life bags that get handed out to new property owners on the lake. Anyone who has been here less than 8 years, may have one.

Annual Membership Dues

- Dues remain at \$20 for 2026-2027 and are due at this time.
- Online renewal via PayPal is \$22- includes PayPal fee, you can mail a check or bring it to the next meeting
- There is a form on the back of Spring Newsletter to complete
- Currently only 50% of the property owners on the lake have joined the LLPOA.

Long Lake Road Side & Lake Clean up

- If you see any trash on the road or ditch along the lake, please help us keep the area looking good by picking it up. Also, if you see anything floating in the water, (bottles, paper, items fly off boats occasionally, or wind blows things around, please scoop it out with your net, many things got displaced this spring and we are still finding them.

- Contact Laura Lesich if you've done the clean-up to sign up for the luncheon so we know how many will attend
- Luncheon for all of the volunteers who picked up trash, typically held on Saturday after Labor Day, due to a conflict we are changing the date to Tuesday after Labor Day September 8.
- In the past it was always held at the Long Lake Bar, but we will need to find a new location for this year. Timber & Tides, Trailside and the Cedar Bar were suggestions made.
- Action needed: Chose a location.

Calendar of Events

- The next LLPOA meeting will be August 1, 2026 at 10:00 Eagle Point Plaza
- LLPOA Golf Outing at Wicker Hill August 22, 2026
- LLPOA meeting, August 29th, 2026 @ 10:00 Eagle Point Plaza
- Long Lake Clean up Luncheon-September 8, 2026 (The day after Labor Day) at 12: noon)
Location TBD.

New Long Lake Website

- The new website launch on July1, 2026, all of the features are not there yet but we are working on them.
- It will look very similar to our old site, but it has a lot of management features that will help us be more efficient, for example currently everyone has to remember to renew their membership, this will allow us to send out renewal invoice notices to people that they can click on and pay.
- Longlake.mi.org
- There is currently no membership info on the page, but there will be shortly.

First Annual Picnic for Long Lake Property Owners Association

- We are not going to hold a Picnic this year.
- Hoping to have our first one next summer.

Open Discussion

- Question for an update on when the roads that were Chip/Sealed last year will be repaved. Chris Lyon said he spoke with the Township Supervisor and it sounded like it was supposed to be done by July, it is not done yet.

50/50

\$105 total raised from the 50/50 Drawing, - Jim Behm won and donated his winnings back to the LLPOA Fish Fund. Thank you Jim!

Next LLPOA meeting is August 1st @ 10:00AM, Motion by Mike Lesich and seconded by Scott Henson to adjourn the meeting, Motion carried. Meeting ended at 11:03AM