

MINUTES

Long Lake Improvement Board Meeting
May 28, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Orleans Township Hall, 3077 Palmer Rd, Orleans, Michigan

Call to Order by Chair Robert Rose 7:06 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Robert Rose, Scott Wirtz, Michael Keast, Paul Knoerl, Michelle DeBrabander

Absent: None

Others: Rick Buteyn– Progressive Companies

Introduction of Lake Board

Robert Rose – Ionia County Drain Commissioner

Scott Wirtz – Ionia County Commissioner

Michael Keast – Orleans Township Representative

Michelle DeBrabander – Orleans Township Representative

Paul Knoerl – Riparian Representative

Election of Officers

Motion by Paul Knoerl, Support by Scott Wirtz to elect Robert Rose, Chair.

Motion Carried

Motion by Michelle DeBrabander, Support by Scott Wirtz to elect Michael Keast, Secretary.

Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Paul Knoerl, Support by Michelle DeBrabander to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried

Approve Minutes from Meeting – October 21, 2024

Motion by Scott Wirtz, Support by Paul Knoerl to approve the May 13, 2024, minutes.

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Chair Robert Rose distributed the Ledger Activity Report showing a cash balance of \$150, 406.82 as of May 28, 2025.

Motion by Scott Wirtz, Support by Paul Knoerl to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion Carried

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Discussion of 2025 Plant Control Plan

Rick Buteyn, Progressive Companies distributed the May 10, 2025, Long Lake Treatment Map reporting the first herbicide treatment scheduled for May 29th for Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pond Weed will be “a little liter” than the 2024 initial treatment. Estimated costs are \$21,000 leaving \$15,000 for future spot treatments. Treatment around docks for Starry Stone Wort will be done at the end of June. Harvesting by PLM is scheduled for the week of July 14th. This year the DEQ is requiring permits to harvest, PLM will make the application. Special attention will be given to the northwestern end of the lake, in addition ½ acre will be harvested in the sand bar area.

Discussion of 2026 Assessment

The three-year annual special assessment of \$343 Lakefront and \$257 Backlot for the improvement of Long Lake expired in 2025. A proposed annual budget of \$92,000 for three years was presented to the board, after discussion the board decided to increase the period to five years. The estimated annual special assessment would increase to \$384 Lakefront and \$343 Backlot. A public hearing is scheduled for July 19, 2025, at 9:00 am at the Orleans Township Hall.

Public Comments

The board was thanked for their service and attention to the sand bar.

Board Comments

A brief discussion on continuing the annual newsletter or creating a website or using Facebook for communication with the Long Lake residents. Consensus to continue the newsletter.

Set Fall Meeting

Fall Meeting set for October 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn

Motion by Michael Keast, Support by Michelle Debrabander to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Michael Keast, Secretary