

MINUTES

Long Lake Improvement Board Meeting
May 20, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Orleans Township Hall, 3077 Palmer Rd, Orleans, Michigan

Call to Order by Secretary, Michael Keast 7:02 pm

Roll Call

Present: Scott Wirtz, Michael Keast, Michelle DeBrabander

Absent: Robert Rose, Paul Knoerl

Others: Rick Buteyn– Progressive Companies

Pledge of Allegiance

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 Scott Wirtz, Support by Michelle Debrabander to elect Robert Rose, Chair and Michael Keast Secretary.

Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Michelle DeBrabander, Support by Scott Wirtz to approve the amended agenda adding EGLE and DNR Permitting.

Motion Carried

Approve Minutes from Meeting – October 14, 2025

Motion by Michelle DeBrabander, Support by Scott Wirtz to approve the October 14, 2025, minutes.

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Secretary Michael Keast distributed the Ledger Activity Report and Revenue and Expense Summary.

Cash Balance January 1, 2025:		\$ 74,180
2025 Receipts	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025	\$ 86,406
2025 Expenses	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025	<u>\$ 57,084</u>
Cash Balance December 31, 2025:		<u>\$103,502</u>

Ledger Activity Report showing a cash balance of \$185,501.26 as of April 30, 2026.

Motion by Michelle DeBrabander, Support by Scott Wirtz to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion Carried

Discussion of 2026 Lake Plan

Rick Buteyn, Progressive Companies, distributed copies of May 14, 2026, Long Lake Survey Map and May 20, 2026, Treatment Journal showing the areas treated for Eurasian Milfoil, Curly-leaf Pondweed and Algae. A total of one hundred eleven acres were treated for Milfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed. Allowable shoreline areas were treated for Algae with Chelated Copper, per 2026 permits additional copper treatments are not allowed from June 1 – July 31 "to protect spawning Pugnose Shiners." For the remainder of the 2026 season only exotic plants may be treated and Starry Stonewort is not allowed to be treated until after August 1st. Plant Harvesting is limited to ten acres.

EGLE and DNR Permitting

EGLE permits; limits treatment within six feet of shoreline during June & July, limits control of algae and non-native plants and native submersed plants in the main waterbody, limits copper products June and July, requires addition vegetation surveys and treatment of non-native species to areas approved by EGLE.

DNR permits the unintentional take of Pugnose Shiner with restrictions; Copper may not be used June 1 – July 31, no more than 10 acres may be harvested, full-lake point intercept vegetation surveys must be conducted during July and August and no management activities shall occur within the undeveloped bay along Flat River State Game Area Shoreline.

Motion by Michelle DeBrabander, Support Scott Wirtz to table action on EGLE and DNR Permitting.

Motion Carried

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Public Comment

None

Board Comment

The Long Lake Improvement Board website, www.lliborleans.org, is now online and will have dates for the 2026 Plant Surveys. Typically, lake treatments are scheduled for the following week.

Set Next Meeting Date

Motion by Michelle DeBrabender, Support by Scott Wirtz to set the next meeting date for Wednesday June 24, 2026, 6:00 pm to discuss 2026 tax levy and EGLE and DNR Permitting (Harvesting).

Motion Carried

Adjourn

Motion by Scott Wirtz, Support by Michelle DeBrabender to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Michael Keast, Secretary