

MINUTES

Long Lake Improvement Board Meeting
June 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Orleans Township Hall, 3077 Palmer Rd, Orleans, Michigan

Call to Order by Chair Robert Rose 6:00 pm

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

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

Approve Minutes from Meeting – May 20, 2026

Motion by Paul Knoerl, Support by Scott Wirtz to approve the May 20, 2026, minutes.

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Chair Robert Rose distributed the Ledger Activity Report and Revenue and Expense Summary showing a cash balance of \$185,475.29 as of June 22, 2026.

Motion by Michael Keast, Support by Michelle DeBrabander to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion Carried

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EGLE and DNR Permitting

The 2026 Department of Natural Resources Species Permit restricts harvesting of nuisance native plants and starry stonewort to ten acres. In 2023 approximately fifty acres were harvested. Harvesting for 2026 will be limited to twenty feet (two passes) around the lake in late July to allow boats access from docks. In addition, a "Full-lake point intercept vegetation survey must be conducted during July and August and no management activities along the Flat River State Game Area Shoreline.

2026 Tax Levy

The board discussed the December 31, 2025 Cash Balance of \$103,501.77 and the reduction of the 2026 harvesting costs due to the DNR restrictions deciding to reduce the 2026 Tax Assessment.

Motion by Michael Keast, Support by Michelle DeBrabander to set the 2026 Tax Assessment \$347.40 for front lot owners and \$260.10 for back lot owners.

Motion Carried

Long Lake Pugnose Shiner Survey

DNR-Fisheries Division completed a pugnose shiner survey on Long Lake during June 15-16. The survey was conducted by Southern Lake Michigan Management Unit staff in conjunction with Dr. Kevin Wehrly and Dr. Katelyn King from the DNR's Institute for Fisheries Research. Eight pugnose shiners were collected during this effort, so the species is still present in the lake.

Notification of operation of weed rollers in Long Lake

It is not legal to operate a weed roller in Long Lake. Installation of a weed roller on the bottomlands of any lake requires a permit from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). In the case of Long Lake, landowners also would need a Threatened and Endangered Species Permit from the DNR to operate a weed roller.

A notice will be put on the Long Lake Association's website www.lliborleans.org.

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Public Comment

None

Set Fall Meeting Date

Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:00 pm Orleans Township Hall.

Adjourn

Motion by Michelle DeBrabender, Support by Paul Knoel to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Michael Keast, Secretary