

Lyon Lake Improvement Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 22, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Fredonia Township Hall

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Lyon Lake Improvement Board convened with a confirmed quorum, including Connie Petch, Martin Lafayette, Tommy Miller, and Mike Darling, and Matt Saxton, while Cynthia Newsome was absent.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed, and a motion to approve it as submitted was made and passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on October 9, 2025, were approved with one edit. A motion to approve the minutes with edits was made by Tommy and seconded by Mike and was unanimously approved. The minutes from the public hearing meeting held on October 13, 2025, were approved with one edit. A motion to approve the minutes without edits was made by Josey and seconded by Mike and was unanimously approved.

4. Finance Report

Bank Account Update:

Based on correspondence received from Southern Michigan Bank & Trust, it appears the bank account has been set up. Remaining tasks include getting checks and submitting a request from Fredonia Township for a transfer of the funds remaining in the former weed fund.

The board discussed recent expenditures, including publication costs, and legal fees incurred in 2025.

5. Old Business

Bylaws:

The board discussed the by-laws, making no further edits. A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Josey to approve the by-laws. They will be posted once final signatures are captured.

6. New Business

2026 Budget: The updated budget was reviewed in detail. A key topic of debate concerned whether the board should purchase insurance. Some members expressed skepticism about the necessity and cost of coverage, citing the board's governmental immunity, while others recommended leaving insurance in the proposed budget until a final cost was determined. Ultimately, the group agreed that the insurance line would remain in the budget for now. Following the budget review, the board conducted a roll call vote to approve the 2026 budget, which subsequently passed unanimously.

2026 Schedule of Meetings: Scheduling for 2026 meetings was addressed, with members weighing the pros and cons of various days and times to accommodate everyone's availability. The board decided that meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., starting in May and skipping July, and agreed to use Google Meet to facilitate both in-person and virtual participation.

7. Public Comment / Forum

None

8. Board Member Comment

The board expressed appreciation for the recent public hearing's smooth process and set out steps for confirming and publishing the assessment in local newspapers.

Administrative issues, such as storing official documents and coordinating with local townships, were also discussed. The board agreed to cancel the October 30th meeting, considering all major business for the year had been completed.

The meeting concluded with open-board comment, during which members addressed questions about lake levels, well management, and the impact of state regulations.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.