

Lyon Lake Improvement Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Fredonia Township Hall

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Present were Martin LaFayette, Josey Curcio, Tommy Miller, Matt Saxton, Mike Darling, Connie Petch and Cynthia Newsome. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, after which a roll call confirmed a full quorum.

The Board and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 September 11, 2025, were approved without changes following a motion and unanimous vote.

4. Finance Report

Bank Account and Transfer:

Cynthia to set up a bank account once the PO box is opened. Discussion on the EIN for the bank account; legal counsel to follow up with the bank if needed. Plan to transfer available funds once the account is set up.

5. Old Business

Bylaws: The board then revisited the bylaws, with Cindy having made some updates. There was discussion about officer election terms, with a proposal for two-year terms to ensure continuity, and a suggestion to set a three-minute time limit for public comments in the board rules. The board agreed to table the bylaw discussion until the next meeting, passing a motion made by Marty and seconded by Josey, to that effect.

6. New Business

Election of Officers: The election of officers included a motion to elect Mike Darling as Secretary. A roll call vote with all in favor and Mike abstaining passed. A motion to elect Josey Curcio as Treasurer was passed with a roll call vote with Josey abstaining.

Costs incurred: The board also discussed the costs associated with newspaper publications and hall rentals, considering alternative venues to save money in the future. Plans were made to set up meetings for the following year, with the possibility of using the Marshall Country Club as a venue. It was agreed the first six meetings will be held at Fredonia Township.

2026 Budget: The proposed five-year budget was reviewed in detail, with adjustments made to several line items, including hall rental, publications, legal fees, and administrative costs. The board discussed the assessment amounts for property owners and the need to approve the total project cost before the upcoming public hearing on October 13. The budget discussion was tabled for the evening by unanimous vote.

Notification letters to Property Owners: Several action items were identified, including sending letters to property owners to notify them of the public hearing, with volunteers agreeing to help prepare and mail the letters.

7. Public Comment / Forum

During the public comment period, attendees asked questions about the assessment process and weed treatment plans. There was a suggestion to provide pictures of the specific weeds to be treated at the public hearing to improve communication with property owners.

8. Board Member Comment

Board members provided brief comments, with Tommy noting his intention to contact Randy from CI and the chair confirming that the contract with PLM had been signed and that follow-up with the assessor was underway.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.