Lyon Lake Improvement Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15, 2026
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Lyon Lake Grill, 151 Lyon Lake Rd

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at Lyon Lake Grill. Roll call confirmed that a quorum of the Lyon Lake Improvement Board was present. **Members Present:** Marty Lafayette, Tommy Miller, Josie Curcio, Connie Petch, and Matt Saxton. Members Absent: Cynthia Newsome and Mike Darling.

Approval of Agenda

Matt moved to approve the agenda. Tommy supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from August 4, 2026, meeting were reviewed prior to this session. There were no objections noted during the discussion. Tommy moved to approve the minutes. Matt supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Report

It was noted that 2026 spending is tracking under budget for weed treatment and that approximately $3,400 is expected to remain at year end, with sufficient funds to cover remaining 2026 water quality obligations of roughly $1,100. The only check written since the last meeting was to PLM for $2271.25. Matt moved acceptance of the financial report through August 31 and approval of the one check/bill. Tommy supported the motion. All voted in favor.

Old Business

Weed Treatment Status from PLM and Fall Survey

The PLM consultant reported that state permits allow broad treatment of invasive species but limit treatment of native plants to roughly a 100-foot band from docks. He reviewed the

year's weed treatment activity and noted a resident complaint about heavy weed growth affecting boat access. The board discussed handling native plant issues selectively so as not to over-treat the lake. The consultant described the planned late-season aquatic plant survey and water quality sampling, including temperature and dissolved oxygen profiles, and lab analysis for phosphorus and nitrates. He explained that phosphorus levels above about 20 micrograms per liter are associated with persistent algae blooms, and that Lyon Lake's monitoring data will continue to be evaluated in this context.

The treatment map documenting work completed on August 10, 2026, was reviewed and will be included with these meeting minutes. Future treatment maps will likewise be included with the minutes as treatments occur.

Lily Pad Treatment Update

Lily pads were not discussed in detail. The broader plant management discussion focused on invasive weeds, native pondweeds, starry stonewort, and general native plant nuisance issues under the existing permit.

Calhoun County Funding Support

The board revisited questions about possible Calhoun County funding, prompted by a line on the Homer Lake budget indicating $2,500 from the county. A board member reported that Gary Tompkins, the county administrator, has stated there is no such line in the county budget. It was clarified that the amount appears on Homer Lake's budget, not on county records. The board agreed that Marty will get clarification from Gary, to determine whether any county funding is being received and, if so, whether similar support might be available to Lyon Lake.

New Business

LARA Renewal

The chair reported that the State of Michigan LARA filing and annual report are due by October 1. The filing updates the resident agent from Cynthia to the current chair and changes the official mailing address to PO Box 101. The board members were listed as officers. The stated purpose for the entity is the management of invasive weeds in Lyon Lake. Matt made the motion and Tommy supported it to approve the submission of the LARA annual renewal, including the $20 fee and updated information. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Proposed 2027 Budget

The chair presented a proposed budget for 2027, comparing it to the current 2026 budget and year-to-date spending. The permit line is set at $1,000, allowing for possible fee increases above the current $875. Weed treatment is proposed at $13,000 in line with year two of the PLM five-year plan. An additional $6,325 is included as a contingency for potential treatment of native plant nuisances, based on resident complaints and the desire to be prepared for selective native plant control if necessary. Other lines, including legal fees, insurance, and engineering services, hall rental, publications are set at zero; the PO box is budgeted at approximately $110; and administrative costs, including LARA and incidental expenses, are estimated at about $150. The total proposed budget is approximately $20,585.

The chair explained that under the current five-year assessment authorization, the board may reduce the annual assessment in any year without a public hearing but may not exceed $180 per parcel during the five-year term. Any need to go above that level would require a new assessment process, including public hearings and confirmation of a revised assessment roll. Board members expressed general support for the proposed 2027 budget and continuing the $180 assessment. No formal vote was taken at this meeting; the board will consider and vote on the 2027 budget at the October meeting in time for township submission.

Public Comment / Forum

No public comments were offered.

Next Meetings

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, at 6:30 PM at Lyon Lake Grill. It was noted that one member may be out of the country and could participate in any necessary vote by proxy if a quorum is present.

Board Member Comment

Board members reported no additional comments and indicated they had nothing further to add.

Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned.