

WCLA Board Meeting

July 13, 2026

Davidson Residence

In Attendance

Wendi Davidson, Kris Ferguson, Chris Decker, Tom Reinhout, Jamie Skinner, Craig Wassenaar, Tom Meyer, Phil Sliva, Don Hoogerhyde, Kevin Martin, Maureen Lovewell, Kim Covell, Kevin Bird, Rick Bruick, Ed Armbruster, Deb Eaton, Lou Ferran, Rob Riegler, Candie Ritsema

Minutes-Kris Ferguson

- The May meeting minutes were emailed to the Board. Don made a motion to accept, Jamie 2nd, minutes were approved.

President's Report-Wendi Davidson

- June Pancake Breakfast at Spencer Township drew nearly 90 attendees.
- Silent auction raised \$715; 50/50 raffle generated \$158, with the winner, Tom Waterloo, donating \$107 back to the Fish Plant Fund.
- President's Corner updates completed for June and working on July.
- Joined in the 4th of July parade and watched the band
- Boater safety letters were sent to Abraham Tembo and Georgia Clement, the grandchildren of two lake residents.
- Appreciation was expressed to volunteers who assisted with the auction and plant sale.

Treasurer's Report-Jamie Skinner

- Current balance: \$4,212.73.
- Fish Plant Fund contributions total \$3,730.50, with an additional \$2,800 expected, leaving an estimated \$2,200 shortfall.
- There was \$3000 moved from general fund to money market so that there's activity. Wendi suggested looking at CD rates again.
- Membership stands at 203 households.
- Social fund received \$158, \$467 was expense, but made \$715 from silent auction and \$150 from plant sale. They will be added as line items.
- We need to decide today if we want to continue to absorb the Pay Pal fees. It totals about \$150/yr. We pay \$1.50, and the balance is paid by the WCLA. Deb asked about Venmo, but that is thru Jamie's personal account because we don't have a phone #. The board discussed and approved to continue absorbing the Pay Pal fees.
- Jamie noted there are about 9 people that haven't paid the additional dues increase. Board agreed not to pursue members who have not paid the recent dues increase.
- Don made a motion to approve, Candie 2nd, Treasurer's report approved.

Boat Launch, Signage & Fish Plant-Don Hoogerhyde

- Boat launch access code continues to be updated monthly.
- Additional No Wake signs were installed in high-traffic areas.
- There's a fallen Willow tree in Woodbeck/Horseshoe channel, that they offered to help remove, but owner declined help. May try again in the winter to see if owner will accept help with cutting it up. There were tree's leaning over Kindy boat launch and channel, Ed had 3 trees taken down, cost was \$800. Progressive Tree Service (owner) Conner Thompson did a great job.
- Ongoing concerns regarding speeding jet skis near channels, bridges, and swimming areas.
- Camp Greenwood reported to Wendi that jet skier were going close to their marked swimming area. Jet skiers are supposed to stay a 100 feet away from a marked swimming area. Greenwood was looking for ideas where to put up No Wake signage, the board discussed different options.
- Wendi got a note from Pastor BJ, there was a riparian that used the Camp Concordia boat launch when they weren't scheduled and launched it during a camp program. They were scheduled on the 1st and they launched on the 3rd. He sent a letter to us that our use of the boat launch is in jeopardy. It went to that person and Wendi. Wendi reiterated that when a member books a time, and if member isn't scheduled, it's a violation. Wendi responded with an apology. She will be putting out the state regulation and violation in her newsletter. We understand at this time it's only directed at the individual, but if it happens again, the WCLA could be in jeopardy. It was done by email and Wendi responded via email and included the riparian.
- Tom said that we need to keep our eyes and ears open for small parcels that become available this side of the bridge so that we could get another option.
- For the Fish Plant (FP), Don is estimating \$7k, which includes upcoming \$2800. Will do walleye again, but may not do another fish.
- Don Hoogerhyde announced this will be his final year serving on the board after 10 years managing the fish plant program and boat launch operations.

Lake Sustainability-Chris Decker

- 5 yr contract for next weed control almost completed. Oakfield is working on next 5 yr contract, they are using PLM's quote for meetings.
- Chris sent the RFQ to 4 places, have only received PLM's quote.
- Chris said there isn't many companies that do this work. PLM has a good presence and reputation in this area. Chris reached back out to Solitude because he hadn't heard from them. Chris said PLM is still a good option, so we at least still have a good company to go with.
- PLM remains the leading candidate for the next five-year weed control contract, with an estimated 10% cost increase over the term.
- Increase would be through special assessment winter taxes, which should show a 2% increase over 5 years. It's based on the middle estimate. Whatever funds we use, we use, whatever we don't use, stays with the township and they maintain. Approximately \$62,000 remains in reserve funds.
- Chris said that he won't be doing weed control committee next year, so it will be in a good place to hand off to the next person. Rob Riegler is expected to assist with committee leadership transition next year.

Welcome Committee – Phil Sliva

- No recent welcomes recently, though new residents have been identified.
- Directory currently includes approximately 30 households.
- Phil thanked everyone for their prayers and food donations.

Social Committee – Candie Ritsema

- Annual Meeting planning is underway; she has a call into Hop Hog. She said that board members provided desserts last year, and she'd like to do that again. Starts at 5:30 at Camp Concordia.
- Upcoming events include:
 - Ladies Wine & Charcuterie Night (Aug. 6) at Katherine Wolthuis
 - Poker Kayak Run (July 18), everything will happen on Banks between 5 docks.
 - September Social Dinner
- Fourth of July Boat Parade and band were successful. Boat parade winners were Jillian McColler on Woodbeck and Ryan Teachworth on Thomas.

Meal Train – Mara (no updates)

Old Business

- President position remains open.
- Members were reminded of the limited time commitment associated with the role. Only 6 meetings, don't need to do a Presidents Corner, Waterline goes out 3 times a year, communication can be managed by email blasts.

New Business

- Replacements are needed for departing board members Chris and Don.
- Discussed location for September board meeting. Rob made a motion that if an alternate venue is not secured for the September 14 meeting, that the board approve spending \$75 to rent Spencer Township Hall. Kevin Martin 2nd. Motion Passed.

Adjournment

Don motioned to adjourn, Kim 2nd, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at **7:54 p.m.**