

Lobdell-Bennett Lake Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Argentine Township Hall

Attendance

17 members in attendance.

Board members present included:

- Rick Kursik – President
- John Varilek – Vice President
- Tod Fisher – Treasurer – not present
- Suzette Mulnix – Secretary

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Kursik at 7:00 PM.

New Business

Appointment of Secretary

Rick Kursik requested a motion to approve Suzette Mulnix as Secretary.

Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Standing Reports

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was presented by Tod Fisher.

\$405 of dues received and \$0.92 of interest earned on our CD.

\$ 28,189.72 total funds available

Rick requested approval of the Treasurer's Report. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report

Rick discussed upcoming lake treatment scheduling and ongoing coordination with the state regarding permits.

Vice President's Report

John Varilek discussed current lake vegetation growth and fish habitat efforts.

Standing Committees

Lake Health Management

Weed Treatment / Lake Management

AJ Faught introduced discussion regarding the 2026 Lake Management Report by Dr. Doug Pullman, who has participated in lake assessments for 38 years.

Key discussion points included:

- State permitting delays due to requests for additional information.
- Confidence that the association is handling treatment correctly.
- Lake vegetation growth increased rapidly within approximately two weeks.
- Approximately \$70,000 was spent last fall on treatments.
- Average lake depth reported at 17 feet.
- Treatment scheduling is expected during the first week of June.
- Residents will be notified that June 8 is the anticipated treatment date.
- Signs will be posted and residents were asked to keep dogs secured for worker safety.
- Discussion included milfoil management and native vegetation concerns.
- Wild celery was identified as the curly plant species discussed during the meeting.
- The lake contains 17 plant species, including 3 exotic species.
- AJ thanked Dr. Pullman for his long-term contributions and expertise.

Fish Habitat / DNR Survey

John Varilek discussed fish habitat improvements.

The DNR fish survey using gill nets was also discussed. Should have results within a couple months, will be posted to the website.

Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP)

No major updates reported.

Dam Oversight

Rick reported that the dam has returned to normal summer levels after DNR testing temporarily lowered lake levels approximately two inches below normal.

Discussion also included:

- Raft safety concerns in Bennett lake were reviewed and determined not to be a safety issue.

Social Committee

Topics discussed included:

- Fireworks
- Boat parade
- House decorating activities
- Golf outing planning

Golf Outing

Cory McCarthy discussed the September 26, 2026 golf outing planned at Willow Brook Golf Course in Byron.

The committee is exploring lowering costs and hosting the outing on a Saturday. Volunteers are being sought for the event.

Political Action

Updates included:

- Approval of a new police chief for Argentine Township
- Argentine township Fire boat currently on the lake

Membership

Lindsay Tecklenburg was not present to discussed membership updates and maintaining a current list of riparians on the lake.

Old Business

Vacant Board Positions

The following vacancies remain open:

- District 7 Representative
- District 4 Representative
- Social Committee Chair

Additional Discussion

- Sewer district concerns and related health questions were discussed.
- Ongoing lawsuit involving the Kovacks property and docks was mentioned.
- Rick requested members keep Dr. Paul McEwen in their thoughts and prayers.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Argentine Township Hall