

DUCK LAKE PENINSULAR SHORES ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting
10:00 a.m. at the Pavilion
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2025

I. Call to order

Ken Schonhoff, President, called to order the annual meeting of the DLPSA at 10:00 a.m. on September 6, 2025 at the pavilion.

II. Introductions and Opening Comments

Ken Schonhoff, President, made introductions of the board members and gave a brief explanation of what the board has been accomplishing over the last year.

III. Guest Speakers: Erin Whiting and Chris Garroch of Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy

Since 1991, the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) has protected and cared for the region's natural, scenic, farm and forest lands thanks to the support of generous donors and volunteers, and strong partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies. Together they have protected 48,436 acres of public and private land, 157 miles of shoreline, and 126 miles of trail open to the public at 60 nature preserves and natural areas. For more information about this great endeavor please find them at GTRLC.ORG.

IV. Secretary's Report/Roll Call

Cynthia Howard, Secretary, conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Ken Schonhoff, Kenneth Chamberlain, Paul Johnson, Kathy Bickel, Jeff Beaton, Chris Blake and Cynthia Howard as board members. Also, we had over 40 active members present. Cynthia Howard, Secretary, reported minutes had been approved prior to meeting. All minutes are posted on our website DLPSA.net

V. Treasurers' Report

Kathy Bickel, Treasurer, presented a current treasurers report. As of September 1, 2025, we have 192 paid members which is 72%. We have a balance of \$13,359.67.

VI. Election of Officers

We have 3 directors up for renewal this year, Ken Schonhoff, Jeff Beaton, and Cynthia Howard who has decided to pass the torch onto a new member. Jennifer Fauble has volunteered to run for the open spot on the board. The ballots were distributed to those current on their dues with one for each property tax id number. Ballots were gathered for tabulation.

VII. Committee Reports

- a) Liaison/Records: Kenneth Chamberlain

Kenneth reported that our website has received 2,511 visitors in the last 12 months. All meeting minutes, directories, park reservations, and newsletters are posted on our website. Events list is on the main page. Road repairs continue as an ongoing challenge for our peninsula.

- b) Hospitality: Ken Schonhoff and Kathy Bickel

Welcome Packets have been delivered to all new residents that were available. We welcome all new residents to our community.

- c) Maintenance: Chris Blake

Chris has everything caught up as far as maintenance. Chris suggested that we should have a Christmas Party get together mid-December so we will keep you apprised on the details.

- d) Water Board: Kenneth Chamberlain

Kenneth has continued to take water samples every couple of weeks and sends them into a lab for analysis. Eurasian milfoil, e-coli, and other bacteria are monitored. PLM surveys Duck Lake twice a summer. All levels of E-coli, Eurasian Milfoil, and Phosphorus are within safe zones. Green Lake and Duck Lake Association continues to pay for these water samples and their testing.

- e) Newsletter: Jeff Beaton

Jeff Beaton invited all residents to feel free to send in articles, pictures, etc. to make our newsletter even better. Once again, Jeff continues to provide all of us with an awesome newsletter each spring and fall. Thank you to all that contribute

VIII. Election of Officers Results.

- a) Three spots up for renewal on the DLPSA Board were filled with Ken Schonhoff, Jeff Beaton, and Jennifer Fauble. Welcome to our board Jennifer. Thank you for your service.

IX. Current Business

- a) We do have our Duck Lake Merchandise available through the link on our website dlpsa.net. Christmas presents?
- b) Duck Lake Improvement Association has been very busy getting organized and initiating legal requirements for a 501(c)(3) non-profit status. The number one goal is to protect our Duck Lake water levels and the proper use of the dam to do so.
- c) Your board, after much discussion, the rising cost of fixed annual expenses, and future improvements we have raised the annual membership dues to \$ 100.00 for residents with a home. Lots will continue to be \$40.00 per year.
- d) Raising chickens and short-term rentals were discussed with members giving input. Green Lake Township has the authority over these issues for anyone that has questions.
- e) We discussed narrows dredging and that we have it on hold at this time.
- f) We will be having our annual end of summer “Meet and Greet” September 22, 2025, at Sunset Beach. We look forward to seeing lots of you.
- g) We are having our 5th annual “Trunk or Treat” at Schworm Park this year October 31, 2025. All residents are invited to join us for a fun filled evening. Please arrive early for set up so that we can share candy and treats from 6:00- 8:00 p.m.
- h) We will be having our 5th annual “Lights-Up Contest” this year. We invite all members to enjoy decorating and we look forward to seeing the lights.

X. Open Discussion

Please be mindful of others with the disposal of your pet’s waste. Dock system and port-a-lets will be removed the first part of November. Contact Green Lake Township about any concerns with residents’ garbage and actions that we as a board have no control over.

XI. Adjournment/Bonfire

Ken Schonhoff, President, adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Next General Meeting: May 16, 2026

Minutes submitted by: Cynthia Howard

Minutes approved by: Board approved.