# Lake George Property Owners Association

## Corporate Membership Meeting

**Date: 05-25-25 Draft**

1. **Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance**: President Lynn Miller called the meeting to order at 10:05a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of Silence was held for Service Men and women and those in uniform.
	1. Member Comment about Memorial Day event at Freedom Park – 11 am Downtown Harrison. Free Lunch for those attending at the Legion Hall in Harrison after.
2. **Roll call**: Present: Present: Lynn Miller, Aaron Smalley, Jason Bringedahl, Craig Henry, Mark Featherston, Deb Kuptz, Mary Fry, Mary-Lynn Panwas, Ted Christoff, Sheri Frader, Lori Heimburger

(Excused) Kent Cousino

(Unexcused)

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**: The minutes of the General Membership Meeting from Sept 1, 2024 were read. Sheri Frader made motion to approve minutes as presented. Pete Giacalone 2nd the motion. Motion approved. Minutes will be posted to website.
2. **Treasurer’s report**: A summary of all account activity was presented by Ted Christoff. 2025 Budget was also presented. Auditing is in process and update to this was presented to membership. It will be finalized in the next 2 weeks. Lynn Miller mentioned that he would like to have Pres, vice pres, treasurer, deputy treasurer will all have passwords and access to accounts. Board will reference the bylaws and present an amendment at the September Member meeting for voting.
	1. **Auditing**: Will be completed soon
	2. **Boat/Street Parade**: Ted & Pam Christoff will again head up the street parade for 4th of July. Parade will be noon on Saturday July 5. Sign up will start at 11:30 at ball field.
		1. Member suggested prizes for different categories in the street parade

Boat Parade registration 7:30 both lakes. Lori Heimburger will check with Kent Cousino to see if he will want to do pre-registration for boat parade on Shingle Lake. Lake George does not do pre-registration.

* 1. **Directory**: Looking for more sponsors to help offset the cost of the directory. Next printing and distribution will be Spring of 2026.
	2. **Fund Raising**: Spring side x side – costs were presented by Lynn. Good turnout again with 98 registrations. Half of the money raised from this event is always used for needy families at Farwell Schools for Christmas. We purchase Witbecks for gift certificates and any extra money is typically used to purchase needed items for these families.
		1. Cabin Fever Party– went very well, had ice. Hot Dogs, hot chocolate.
		2. Member only Fish Fry – will be in August 9. This is a free event to members only.
		3. Scavenger Hunt last year was in August. Will have this event again in August. 50% of money raised was put into the fish fund. 50% is earmarked for donation.
		4. Boater Safety Classes – will be doing that again. Free to take but must register ahead of time.
		5. 5k Run. July 5 – 8:30. Register online is open, Preregistration evening July 4. Will take registration at 7:30 am on July 5 as well. Money raised from this event is for Scholarships for students from Farwell HS.
		6. Flares for Light up the lakes. We have plenty from last year. Again, every member can receive one free flare. Please get that from a board member. Depot and hardware will have some for sale $5.00 each if you want extra or are not a member
		7. Karaoke in the Bay: July 12. Lake George
		8. 5 members in attendance from Shingle Lake.
	3. **Lake Quality**: Mark Featherston – lake treatment schedule was presented from PLM. Pike on Lake George – no size limit. 5 per day limit. Shingle – is catching 7” Walleye. Lynn Miller will contact the DNR about stocking more fish in both lakes again and what they recommend. He will present their recommendations at the Fall meeting. Member comment: A 34” Northern Pike was caught on Shingle. Both lake levels are low. It has been told that this level is a cycle.
	4. **Membership**: Deb Kuptz presented that we are currently up to 204 members. Presented Curbside recycling again. Need 100 people to sign up. Only $7.00 a month and you will receive a dumpster, like the trash receptacles. Member, Ami Woodworth offered to go door to door to get people to sign up.
		1. The member sign up contest was early in the year. It did not result in many new signups. Winner of the contest was Mary-Lynn Panwas.
	5. **Newslette**r: Spring Edition was mailed out. Next one will go out 2 weeks before Labor Day. Looking into the possibility of offering the newsletter electronically vs printing to save costs. Printing and postage is continuing to increase in cost. Electronic versions would cost us nothing to email.
		1. Member Gail White suggested 2 newsletters a year.
		2. The board will look into electronic versions and going to only 2 newsletters a year.
	6. **Township Liaison**:
	7. **Community Liaison**: Boosters has chicken dinner today starting at 4 till gone. $13.00.
	8. **Guest Speaker: Township Supervisor** Troy Kibbey.
		1. South Cell Tower is up and running. The one behind hardware should be coming soon. He’s being told that the delay is a scheduling issue. Towers are Verizon and Tmoblie.
		2. Face lift at township hall. There was some rotting issues and new septic system was installed.
		3. Brining will be done June 10th, delayed due to weather.
		4. Road Projects Old state – Adams resurface. Oakdale Subdivision – graveled and grated.
		5. There is a Petition circulating for paving. Township is waiting on assessment.
		6. PLM will be doing the lake testing – probably in July or August. Once that info is back from PLM Troy will pass that on to the LGPOA to post to website.
		7. GFL limiting trash to 6 bags. Or you need a dumpster. Township has several kirbys and give them to anyone that wants one and they can get more. Troy will make sure they pick up the extra trash for 4th of July.
		8. Roads were striped last week.
		9. Gardening – Community members have been planting along the roadsides. Hannah from The Mane is running the project and is ongoing.
		10. Shingle Lake Park: Troy presented the rendering after the meeting. Drawings are in process – updates to the park needs to be completed by 2026. The updates will include pickle ball courts, lighting bathrooms along with many other updates. This is being completed with the Find your Joy $772,000 grant that was awarded.
		11. Troy is looking about getting bouys replaced on Shingle Lake indicating the swim area. Find your Joy Grant money cannot be used for this purpose.
			1. Mary-Lynn Panwas asked if the buoy replacement could be addressed sooner rather than later. Troy agreed.
		12. If anyone has hazardous waste to get rid of, see the included handout for details.
		13. Hot Rods & Hot Dogs – June 14. Volunteers are needed. See Troy if you would like to help. All sorts of family fun!
			1. Questions Spongy Moths: When and if they are spraying. Troy will inquire and let us know – we’ll post to the website if any info is provided.
			2. Mounted Police and Marine for 4th of July Parades. Ted Christoff will need to call. Troy will arrange to get barricades.
			3. The LGPOA rents a small storage unit to hold all our times. To save costs, Troy Kibbey offered to see if there is some space at the township hall to store the items: tent, tables, file cabinet, signage, misc materials.
			4. Lynn Miller asked about the cost for the community recycling dumpster and if we got curbside recycling, would that cost come back to the township? The recycling dumpsters would not be removed and thus the cost would not be saved.
			5. Who is responsible for cleaning the new bathrooms at the Shingle Lake Park? Township will be taking care of that.
			6. Member question on curbside recycling – if that happens how do you ensure that stuff doesn’t blow around. Recycling will be a Kirby like regular trash.
	9. **Old Business**:
	10. **New Business**: Lynn Miller would like to add to the bylaws that the Pres, Vice Pres, treasurer and deputy treasurer to have all access, passwords to all accounts. The board will write an amendment to the bylaws. Will present in the newsletter and at the Labor Day meeting to be voted on.
		1. Asking for volunteers to man the tent at Hot Rods & Hot dogs event.
		2. New Insurance presented. Costs are basically the same but added to cover liability for events.
		3. Anaerobic Digesters. Michigan Lakes and Streams website has more information. This is from farmers run off affecting the lakes.
		4. 50/50 – Total $111.00 Sheri Frader winner of $55.00
	11. **Public Comment**: none
	12. **Adjournment**: Lynn made motion to adjourn at 11:30 . John Jordan 2nd the motion. Motion passed.