LGPOA 10/10/26 Minutes - Approved

P = Present / E = Excused / U = Unexcused

MEMBER	P	E	U	Term	Re-Elect	Term Out
Holly Brown	X			25-28		
Scott Brown	X			25-28		
Ted Christoff	X			23-26	26-29	2029
Kaylee Cotton	X			25-28		
Mary Fry	X			24-27		
Garrett Kozden-King	X			25-28		
Dan Lease	X			25-28		
Jamie Lease	X			25-28		
Lynn Miller		X		21-24	24-27	2027
Mary Lynn Panwas	X			24-27		
Aaron Smalley		X		22-25	25-28	2028
Rich Zeiler	X			26-29		

1. Roll Call – Secretary

2. Treasurer Report: Mary-Lynn

   Two of the four scholarship recipients have received their checks for their schools. The remaining two recipients have not yet come forward to claim their scholarships. For future scholarship awards, we would like to establish a deadline for recipients to claim their funds. Scholarships are awarded in May, and we propose to hold funds until December 15th of the same year.
   Second suggestion is to issue checks directly to the students with proof of registration to the college or trade school.

   Ted has volunteered to review our Edward Jones investments and accounts to determine whether any changes are needed or if everything is currently in good shape. He will take a closer look at our investments and make recommendations if anything needs to be adjusted.

3. Events Report

   a. Fall Side x Side Date: 10/24/26 Chair: Lynn Miller
      Volunteers are needed to help with registration at 10:00am
      Jamie to bring the registration forms & maps. Dan & Scott will lead two groups.
      The Swiss will be open offering a Bloody Mary bar & breakfast burritos.

   b. Tree Lighting Celebration Date: 12/05/26 Chair: Holly Brown
      Holly will contact Connie Tuck about combining the Santa event with the tree-lighting celebration. We will revisit the plans at our November meeting to finalize the details. For now, we plan to streamline the tree decorating schedule to minimize wait times. Activities will include cookie decorating, hot chocolate, and the tree lighting.

   c. Cabin Fever Date: 02/13/27 Chair: Jamie Lease
      Plans include a bonfire, hot dogs, potato chips, hot chocolate and possibly some ice activities, depending on conditions and what we can come up with. Our goal is to get people out of the house during the long winter months and provide an opportunity to meet new neighbors and make connections.
      Ted has volunteered to supply the hot dogs again this year.
      Jamie will contact Sherie Frader to see if she is interested in bringing back her hot chocolate stand.

4. Lake Quality: Scott Brown – nothing to report at this time.

5. Newsletter / Website: Jamie Lease Winter Newsletter is scheduled to go out the end of January.

6. Membership: T.B.D.

   Holly and Jamie to review the membership process and look for ways to streamline it.

7. Old Business:

   a. Community Investment ideas.
      With the sale of the property next to the post office, the board had discussed Hamlin Field as a possible alternative location for future LGPOA events. Hamlin Field could provide the additional space needed to accommodate larger gatherings and offer a more permanent location for future events. However, the field has been unattended for some time and would require work to make it suitable for use. Lynn has received an estimate from Blain Excavating.

   b. Swag items.
      Discussion of swag items will be tabled until next year. In the meantime, board members are encouraged to consider if we want to offer LGPOA merchandise for sale online, allowing members to purchase items at their convenience. Items could be sold with a small markup.

8. New Business

   a. A request came through the website from the County Clerk, Carol Majewski, requesting a donation of funds to help with the purchase of table and chairs for the schoolhouse. After a brief discussion, Holly motioned to give $500 towards the purchase and Jamie seconded the motion. All in favor, voting yes.

   b. Larger storage unit.
   We have outgrown the small storage unit currently used to store our event supplies and materials. We need to consider a larger space that can better accommodate our needs now and for future event activities. K&K currently has a 10 x 10 unit for $55/month available. Jamie motioned to upgrade from our existing unit to the 10 x 10 space and Dan second the motion. All agreed in voting yes for the larger unit.

   c. The joint Summer Celebration with the Boosters Club may need to be reconsidered following concerns from some Boosters Club members who felt slighted during the event. Holly will reach out to the Boosters Club to discuss the situation and determine whether they are still interested in continuing the partnership. If the joint event is no longer feasible, the board will need to explore alternate locations. Options may include renting the Booster Club facility for $100 with a member sponsor or renting the Township Hall for $150

   d. It was suggested that the board consider increasing the annual membership fee. This would continue to include membership for two household members. Further discussion is needed and would require a vote by the general membership.

   e. Rich has been looking into the water levels of our lakes along with Kent Cusino to understand and determine what is happening with our lakes along with the surrounding lakes in the area. They are gathering information to better understand what may be contributing to the declining water levels and determine whether the cause may be related to human activity or natural environmental conditions. Further digging will be needed before any conclusions can be drawn.

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9. Meeting Adjourned: Holly motioned to adjourn meeting at 10:29 am, second by Jamie with all voting yes to adjourn.

Next scheduled meeting is Saturday Nov. 14, 9:00 am Township Hall.