

**Lake Mitchell Property Owners Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 30, 2026 DRAFT v3**

**Meeting call to order: 5:03 pm**

**Attendance (Virtual-Zoom):** Gary Huyge, Hugh Hufnagel, Hank Risley

**Absent:** Jackie Erway

1. Board Member Meeting absence: The board discussed Jackie Erway's second consecutive meeting absence and decided that a letter should be sent to her asking her whether she intends to continue serving on the board in a constructive pro-property owner manner. If she fails to respond to the letter in seven days, the board will consider her non-response as her resignation. If she responds that she plans to continue serving on the board, she will be expected to attend meetings and participate in and support majority board decision making.
2. Approval of 3-25-26 board meeting minutes (v3). March 25, 2026, board meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Gary Huyge and support by Hank Risley.
3. Flood Relief discussion. Group discussion regarding communication related to flood relief and consideration to post material on website. It has been suggested that LMPOA take a more active role in communicating flood relief resources and the needs of flooded property owners.
4. Organizational items
  - Financial and membership report. Gary Huyge presented a financial report: 17 members have paid annual dues. 10 via check, 7 via Paypal. Membership and dues notice. Dues reminder messages have not yet been sent out. Two attempts to post a dues reminder notice on Facebook have failed. See Facebook discussion below.
  - Board member recruitment. Board member recruitment strategies will include announcement of board member openings on the LMPOA website, an email to be sent to all dues-paying LMPOA members, at the LMPOA annual meeting on June 27<sup>th</sup>, and in other person to person interactions with board members and Lake Mitchell property owners.
  - Lake level monitoring person recruitment. This is presently being done and posted by a member of the Facebook group. For the time being this should be satisfactory for getting this information collected and distributed.
  - Annual meeting preparation. Group discussion. Door hangers: Hank Risley noted that he would go to Allegra printing & confirm that they were in a position to print door hanger notifications for the 2026 annual meeting. Gary Huyge noted that he felt it was unnecessary to proceed with logo apparel order and sales at this point in time.
  - 2026 board goals. Due to time constraints, this item was postponed to the May board meeting. Before then, Hugh will send out some ideas that can be discussed then.

## 5. Communication methods

- Website improvement ideas, ongoing management. Group discussion led by Hugh Hufnagel. Board intentions to improve website with updated content and active utilization. Gary Huyge to coordinate meeting with website vendor with goal of updating the site and learning what areas the board members can update. Improved website input includes the following: posting of board meeting minutes, ongoing monitoring of the site, deletion of dated material that provides little or no value, lake water levels and links to other websites (LMIB, LMSA, Selma & Cherry Grove Townships. It was also noted that the website could be a source for member input.
- LMPOA membership email address list. Discussion led by Gary Huyge. Gary will compile an excel spreadsheet to include the names and email addresses of all dues-paying LMPOA members over the past three years. This list will be used to compile a Microsoft Outlook group that can be used to directly contact LMPOA members with news and other important information.
- LMPOA Facebook page management. It was noted that Jackie has effectively taken complete control of and has renamed the Facebook page, eliminating any connection to the LMPOA. She has also deleted posts by both Gary and Hank to let LMPOA members know about annual membership dues and the upcoming annual membership meeting. Board members feel that the Facebook group is a very important component of communication with LMPOA members and others interested in Lake Mitchell. Following discussion, it was decided to discuss this issue in more detail after Jackie makes her decision about whether she will continue to serve on the board going forward.

## 6. Other organization reports, issues

- LMIB meeting (4-11-26). Gary attended the meeting and reported that high lake levels and flooding will delay the spring weed treatments. The lakefront property owner LMIB assessment is likely to remain at \$300/lot in 2026.
- LMSA meeting (4-20-26). Gary also attended this meeting and reported on how flooding in both Cadillac and around the lake has affected sewer system performance. A rate increase is being discussed to help fund the next phase of upgrading pump stations.
- Cherry Grove Township. It was reported that the current township supervisor (Ben Pearson) is resigning his position to take over operational management of his family's business. The township board will appoint an interim supervisor to take over until the next township board election.
- Selma Township. Hank reported discussions are taking place about having several townships share fire department services. It is felt by some people that it is expensive and inefficient for each township to have its own fire department.

## 7. Next meeting: Confirmed as May 27, 2026

Minutes prepared by Hank Risley, board secretary