

MATTESON LAKE ASSOCIATION

May 23, 2026 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE/CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. President Wilson Ray, Vice President Sharon Kolassa, Treasurer Erik Sabaitis, and Secretary Blair Shaman were present, along with 47 members.

LAST MEETING MINUTES

Wendy Lemke moved to approve the minutes from our August 2025 meeting, Charlie Doner seconded. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in the Fish Fund: \$5111.55 (after purchase of 1000 yellow perch), General Fund: \$28,234.04, Lake Management Fund: \$13,204.25. We are starting a Reserve Fund that will accept donations from estate plans. We currently have a \$10,000 bond and would like to increase that to \$30,000. The cost will increase from \$100/yr to \$300/yr. Erik Sabaitis moved to include approval of the increase in the bond in the report approval, Larry Lemke seconded, approved. Tammy Knisely moved to approve the report, Ron Rowland seconded. Approved.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Ed Gheringer moved to re-elect all currently serving board members, Charlie Doner seconded. Approved by majority.

VICE PRESIDENT UPDATE

- New members introduced themselves
- Zone reps and committee chairs introduced
- 63 paid members so far this year

SECRETARY

- It has come to our attention that some members may not be receiving all emails, so a request was made to contact us if any members are not regularly receiving emails from the Association.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Water Quality: After four years of attempt, we were finally awarded a grant by the State. This will be a two to two-and-a-half year project. The goal is to build a watershed management plan. Additional detail is included in the handout entitled "Little Swan Creek Watershed Management Planning Project".
- Fish Committee: We planted 1000 5-7 inch yellow perch last Thursday. The DNR gave us 1877 walleye this year without requiring us to match. Normally they will match the amount that we purchase. We're close to the top of the list for the State to do a survey of our fish health and plant life.
- Garage Sale: Will be Thursday, June 4 through Saturday, June 6. Advertising will be through Facebook and physical signs.
- Bingo will be Thursday, July 16 through Saturday, July 18. We are seeking volunteers to help run the event.
- Wendy did excellent work on the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

- The State's has a Canada Goose nuisance program that allows for actions aimed at limiting goose populations in areas that they are problematic year-round. As this has been a frequent topic at Association meetings, it was proposed that we work toward participation next year. Ron Rowland volunteered to lead the effort.
- The Coldwater Chain of Lakes reached out to gather information on our experience working toward grant approval. Erik and Larry plan on meeting with them. There may be partnership opportunities in the future.

- Wilson, Larry, and Wendy attended the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association annual meeting in early Spring. They found it to be worthwhile as they learned a lot and made good contacts. We would like to send representatives again next year.
- A question was asked about speed limits on area roads, including standardizing and enforcement. We will reach out to the township supervisor to gather more information.
- A comment was made that dogs should not be left loose outside of homes. We will reach out to the township supervisor for follow-up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blair Shaman
Secretary