

CEDAR LAKE RECREATION ASSOC.

Spring 2026 MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting called by	Cedar Lake Recreation Association Board	Board Attendees	Laura Gamble, Jane Harvey, Bill Ehlebracht,
Type of meeting	Spring Meeting	Resident Attendees	44
Note taker	Laura Cornish	Start: 9:01am	End: 10:43am

- **Meeting Called to Order**
 - Meeting was called to Order by Jane Harvey at 9:01am.
- **Recognitions**
 - The board thanked Joe Weist as our long serving Vice President and Kathy Dzurowsk as Area 5 rep.
- **Welcome and Introduction of Board Members and Area Reps**
 - President Jane Harvey welcomed residents in attendance and reviewed and introduced board members and area reps.
 - Mary Chaps in Area 1
 - Mark Harwood Area 2
 - Anne and Brad Meisling, Area 3
 - Lynn Werner, Area 4
 - Mark and Kim Andrews, Area 5
 - Area 6 rep is Vacant.
 - Mara Greenberg, Area 7
 - Debbie & Dennis Foster, Area 8
 - Bill Ehlebracht, Treasurer
 - Laura (Cornish) Gamble, Secretary
 - VACANT, Vice President
 - Jane Harvey, President
 - We are now in search of a new Vice President, and we are looking for volunteers.
- **Recognize New Residents in Attendance – Diane Battaglia**
 - Brian and Cathy Olson were welcomed to the Lake Association as new residents on Shorelane Dr.
- **Fall 2025 Meeting Minutes**
 - The Fall 2025 minutes were made available on the CLRA website in advance of the meeting.
 - Minutes were motioned for approval, seconded, and approved without any objections.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Bill Ehlebracht reviewed treasurers report with income and expenses. Hard copies of the report were available at the meeting.
- Starting Balance 8/1/25 \$2013.06
- Total Deposits \$4894.00
- Expenditures \$ 2045.46
- Current Balance 6/11/26 4861.60
- Known Upcoming Expenses include Boat Parade, Goose Busters at \$340, Meeting Expenses
- Area reps may use email to communicate about dues.

- **Water Quality Report**

- Dane Terril has been monitoring chlorophyll levels.
- The dissolved oxygen report was not done because EGLE did not provide a meter. A meter would cost approximately \$1200.
- Mark Harwood has transferred the pod to another residence.
- We have anecdotal information on how the Rigerio Pods are performing. The fishing has improved in the area of the pods. The muck does seem reduced by approximately a foot in some areas. We have not been spraying in this area for the last two year, until this past week. Dane has been testing DNA microbes. We have 700 microbes in this bay in comparison to the approximate 400 microbes in our control area near Mauk's. Used Rigerio Pods are available.

- **Treasurer's Report**

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- Checking Account Starting Balance 8/1/25 \$2013.06
- Total Deposits \$4894.00
- Expenditures \$ 2045.46
- Current Balance 6/11/26 4861.60
- Savings Account Starting Balance 8/11/25 \$6231.60
- Interest \$23.42
- Current Balance \$6255.02
- Known Upcoming Expenses include Boat Parade, Goose Busters at \$340, Meeting Expenses
- Previous expenses include liability insurance & water testing
- Area reps may use email to communicate about dues.
- Savings

- **New Business**

- Solar Farms

- A 1750-acre solar farm is planned in our watershed area stretching from the east end of the lake beyond 27 ½ st to the south end of Bankson Lake. Jane reached out to EGLE to see if they had any concerns regarding the watershed. They did not believe it would impact our watershed as a solar farm. Jane will be looking into whether this may lead to a Data Center as that could have significant impact affecting a watershed.

- Marcellus Swim

- Denise Peters introduced a swim program that is occurring with Marcellus Schools 3rd graders that are occurring in the community and does have a portion happening at

resident Debbie Paolasso's house.

- Denise is looking for donations to support the program both from the lake association and residents. It takes about \$5000/year to support the program.
- Jane Harvey did inquire about liability issues if the lake association donated. She was told that the liability lies with the foundation and not donors.
- Donations would support transportation, instruction, and lifeguards.
- Bill Ehlbrecht made a motion for \$1300 to be donated to the YMCA for Marcellus Swim. Harvey seconded the motion. The motion was voted on by present members and carried with only one opposed.

Feral Cats in Cedarama

- There are 30-50 feral cats on Cedarama. The Werner's have been working with a vet in South Haven to have them neutered and/or rehomed, as pest control will not get involved in Van Buren Committee.
- There is concern that the additional feces could contribute to e-coli and blue green algae blooms.
- Jane Harvey has been looking into other programs but the closest barn cat program she can find is in Holland which is too far away for us to participate.
- Jane asked the membership if we should consider helping fund spay/neuter adult cats and/or rehoming kittens.
- The cost is \$35/cat for neuter/spay. The Warners would trap them and arrange for the vet care. If they are sick, they would be euthanized.
- Harvey made a motion for a max budget of \$1750 to support the program. Bill Ehlbrecht seconded. The motion carried by a majority members present, with no nays and a minority of non-votes.

Goose Busters Report

- 12 nests and 58 eggs were rounded up, for a total of \$340.
- A motion was made to continue this program. It was seconded and the motion carried with a majority of members present.
- This is our 3rd year of our 5-year permit.

Weed Control

- To apply for grants we would have to become a 501C3 non-profit for federal tax-exempt status. This does require the lake association to have registered agent. There would be some organizational changes that would take us through LLC status to the 501C3 status.
- Jane will continue this investigation and for us to have more discussion in August.
- It was motioned and seconded that we buy the oxygen meter for Dane Terril's testing out of the SAD. The motion carried with a majority of members present. There were no opposed votes.
- Jane reviewed new invasives we may see in the area, including Cinnamon Vine. Cisma can remove if you find this in your area
- PLM has a clay that absorbs phosphorous which would help with blue-green algae blooms.
- Cedar Lake is in the top 5% of water quality for lakes in our area.
- The lake association is spending just below \$15000 a year in weed control. To get away from spraying for weed control, the lake could buy additional Rigerio pod system at \$3200 per pod system.
- Laura Cornish motioned for 4 bubblers to be purchased at \$12800 out of the SAD. Mark Harwood seconded. It was unanimously supported by present

members.

Cedar Lake 2026 Party

- The lake party will be postponed until 2028 as the Harwood's, our wonderful hosts, will be unavailable due to their daughter's wedding

4th of July Boat Parade

- The boat parade will begin in front of Laura Cornish's house in area 7.
- The boat parade will begin at 8:30pm on Saturday, July 4th. The rain date will be at the same time on July 5th.
- The theme will be celebrating the USA 250th birthday.
- If you want to be considered for the contest portion of the boat parade submit a photo to CLRA for judging. Sue Black and Harvey will be our judges.
- The Harwood family is privately hosting fireworks after the boat parade. Donations can be made to Mark Harwood.

Logo Items/Cedar Lake History Book

- A new edition has published on the Cedar Lake History Book.
- The books are \$45 and were available at the meeting.

- **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:43am.

NEXT MEETING: August 22, 2026 @ 9AM, PORTER TOWNSHIP HALL
