



BWLA Board Meeting Minutes

Monday November 17th, 2025

Location: Mead's House

ATTENDEES

Present: Eric Hendrickson, Tom Krehbiel, Diane Ferris, Susan Smith, Ron VanTimmeren, Lisa Beyer, Jeff Moore, Pat Mead, Laura Wiltz

Absent: Cornelius, Dazy

MEETING NOTES

- **Roll Call**
 - Meeting called to order by Eric Hendrickson
- **Approval of the minutes from September meeting**
 - September meeting minutes approved motion by (Krehbeil, Mead)
- **Treasurer report –Submitted by/ Signed by Diane Ferris as of**
 - Treasurer's report emailed to BODs
 - No expenses to approve for the last month
 - Riparian Subscription is being updated and will be completed
- **2026 Budget – (Ferris)**
 - Discussions starting, emailed information YTD. If other additions, please advise
 - Capital improvement budget will be added with a list of planned items
- **Fire and EMS- (Ferris)**
 - Diane researched- contracts with Sand Lake (Fire, EMS) and Howard City (Fire)
 - EMS rescue – Pierson served by Montcalm County EMS and Fire, South of Cannonsville Rd. EMS and Fire are by Sand Lake and North is by Howard City for fire coverage.
 - March 2026 the contract is up for renewal for village of Sand Lake. They informed Pierson BOD that they are buying a new Fire Truck, a requirement by Kent County; the fire truck fund is under funded. PT Fire millage would support the Truck purchase fund; Pierson would have to take needed dollars from the general fund to contribute. Minutes from last months Pierson BOD meeting summarized that we offered 6% to Sand Lake for contract. This was the planned amount.
 - Howard city had new fire trucks in 2017 and 2025, covered mostly from grants. Additional equipment was mentioned at the Pierson twp. Board meeting. Sand Lake response times vs Howard City response times are major concerns.
- **Communication Update – (Moore)**
 - Jeff spoke to Judy Warner, how to edit, update – has an email list that needs updating- Jeff would prefer an updated email list, Diane will have it once the Directory updates are completed, the list will be on a google drive. Judy sent an email related to website update via a contact from India-

- Jeff felt he has enough experience to manage the communication, his daughter could assist with process, unaware of a cost?
- Still using Judy Warner for updates to the website
- **Ecology Report – Cornelius absent,(notes shared pre meeting)**
 - Lake samples have been sent to CLMP program and acknowledged. Report expected by March/April of 2026 and to be emailed to participants
 - Consideration of prepayment for 2026 year for PLM
 - New contract with PLM coincides with new SAD period. BOD reviewing contract and consideration of the next 5 yr SAD period and contract extension.
- **Sewer Report – (VanTimmeren)**
 - Sept 30th meeting, decision made to move forward with what needs to be completed. Deans excavating working on South update. North site needs some work done, this was also approved, permits signed last week. No date has been set yet for work being done. We have enough in our sewer fund budget for South side, for some work on North site. (for flow metering)
- **Committee Updates (Beyer)**
 - Contacted all committee chairs, all said they would return except for Diane Gilfillan for neighborhood watch. We will ask BWLA residents in newsletter about volunteering for this position

Committee Events:

June 5, Meet and Mingle

June 13th PB social

July 4th Fun Run and Boat parade

July TBD on fireworks

July 18th Spearing contest

July 25th Fishing contest

July 30th Music on the lake

August 8th Golf outing
- **2026 Calendar - (Beyer) above**
- **2026 Membership Book – (Wiltz/Dazy)**
 - Lisa and Laura to work on getting information for book
 - New ads Laura designs
 - There is the web design and ad design when planning for the book.
 - Last two years the book revenue has been approximately 5 K
- **Advertising – (Krehbeil)**
 - No increase in price, leave as is
 - Ask contractors you use for consideration
 - Tom to look at spreadsheet with Diane

- **Tennis / Pickleball Maintenance (Dazy/Mead)**
 - Clean off leaves from courts
 - Keys for the shed- with Pat and Laura Wiltz
 - Nets are with Denny O, Pat also has one net
 - Plenty of room for Fun Run items and other items
 - Chain to be put in place for PB courts, uses-Padlock, Pat to follow up
- **Additional requests for funds (Hendrickson)**
 - Sending out information with general maintenance funds in newsletter, and also with the dues email.
- **Holiday Party Potluck (Hendrickson)**
 - Spouses, appetizer to share, at Hendrickson Man cave 6 pm, Dec. 10th
- **Fireworks (Mark Wiltz)**
 - Wolverine no longer able to provide Fireworks
 - Recommended Great Lakes Fireworks
 - As of now 250 yr celebration is affecting getting other options.
 - Pyrotecia could help- weekend before or after? options would be fireworks
 - Need to discuss, possibly 5th or Saturday before, July 2nd? Thursday, Sunday?
 - Eric to forward Wolverine communication to BOD
 - Concerns on the impact to a boat used to pull Barges last year, 4 K of damage was reported.
- **Suggestions for November Newsletter (Hendrickson)**
 - Volunteer for Neighborhood watch, additional funds, updates as known
- **Other Business- (BOD)**
- **Adjourned-**
 - Meeting adjourned with motion by: (Laura Wiltz, Lisa Beyer)
- **Next Meetings:**
 - Holiday Party at Hendrickson's Man Cave – December 10th @ 6 pm (Spouses)
 - BWLA Board Mtg – January 12th, 2026 @ 6 pm – Cornelius
- **Board Meetings. (6 pm Start)**
 - January 12th – Cornelius
 - March 9th – Virtual
 - May 13th – Krehbeil
 - July 13th – Wiltz
 - August 10th – Dazy
- **December Board Holiday Party and Meeting**
 - December 10th at Hendrickson's @ 6 pm
 - Potluck and social meeting including spouses
- **Membership meetings**
 - Spring Membership Meeting – June 6th 2026
 - Fall Membership Meeting – August 22, 2026