

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES 5/03/25

I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Terry Chmiel, Tom Busch, AJ Gappa, Kathy Laiter,
- B. *Directors:* Aileen Collura, William Oliver III, Rodney Redweik, Ron Vendl, Cathy Wagner
- C. *Absent:* Bill Slavik, Mary Topelian
- D. *# of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 30

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Terry Chmiel asked if anyone would like to speak to please raise their hand to be acknowledged, state their name, and then make their contribution(s).

II. Minutes

Minutes for the April 2025 Property Owners' meetings were reviewed. A motion was made by William Oliver III with a second by Aileen Collura to approve the minutes. The minutes were "approved" and will be posted on the BLPOA website: <https://www.inbasslake.com/>

III. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer, AJ Gappa, reviewed the March report. Motion made to "Approve for Audit" by Kathy Laiter, seconded by Rodney Redweik, and will be posted on the BLPOA website.

OPERATING FUND/MONEY MARKET:

MARCH

Beginning Balance	42,298.28
Deposits / Trans	---
Interest	15.65
Withdrawals / Trans.	---
Ending Balance	42,313.93

MISC:

CD	102,870.57
Grant Checking Account	25.00

GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Beginning Balance	23,576.58
Deposits: Memberships / Rentals / Deposits / Social Committee / Transfers / Directories / Recycling / Check add backs	24,510.00
Disbursements	14,179.50
Ending Balance	33,907.08

179,116.58

IV. Legislative

Bill Oliver noted that nothing new is going on with the potential pier permits. He shared that Tom Busch attends the local Planning and Commissioner meetings, and Tom stated nothing will happen this year.

V. Neighborhood Watch

Ron Vendl shared that the Crime Mapper Report on the Starke County website is still not working. He shared that due to recent storms there are quite a few trees down and none have done any real damage. The historical tree on 625 and CR210 did come down.

VI. Building Maintenance

Ron Vendl stated that McGrath performed the spring maintenance on the air conditioning units. The blue room steel door replacement project is on hold until we know what will happen with the three furnaces that need to be replaced.

VII. Rentals

Terry Chmiel stated both rooms are available for rent. Most of the recent calls have been for the fall. You can call the general number or his personal number in the front of the directory.

VIII. Social Committee

Cathy Wagner stated that unfortunately we need to cancel the annual pizza party on May 17th. The plan for the annual soup social is moving forward for October.

IX. Bass Lake Conservancy District

Larry Collura shared that we had 2.27 inches of rain in April and YTD 8.10. In April the pump added 32 million gallons and YTD 74 million gallons have been added. The BLCD will begin working with Aquatic Control to spray for weed control. The water needs to be 55 degrees to be effective.

Larry asked for those returning from the winter to check for any sink holes in the area Surf ran fiber cable. Should you see anything please call the Conservancy office with the details.

For more information on levels or lake maps please go to the BLCD website at: <https://basslakecd.in.gov/>

X. Park Board

Tom Busch shared the water has been turned on at the campground however it is not yet on at the beach area due to the ongoing construction. The revitalization project is moving ahead and once completed will make for a great beach area. The beach area is still closed due to the construction equipment. The piers are installed but they ask people to wait until mid-May to move their shore station and boats in.

Tom stated the Park Board held their first grand opening for a kayak launch at English Lake. The Park Board thanks all those that have contributed to making the project a success (650W and Toto Road).

XI. New/On-Going Business

Prairie Trails Club

Russ Blais stated May 24 there will be a 3K run/walk on the trail. They are speaking to the Park Superintendent to see if they can tie it in with the opening of the beach, but nothing has been finalized yet. He shared there are two big areas that need to be repaired on the trail. Grant money is for new projects, so they are trying to raise funds to fix these areas. It should also be shared that there is a new sign by Scoops restaurant directing you to the trail.

DNR Boating Certification Class

Terry Chmiel shared that we will be hosting a DNR certification course on June 14 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM and a complimentary lunch will be served. You will need to register at: <https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/224301>. Registration link is available on the BLPOA calendar. We currently have 17 registered with a maximum of 30 participants.

2025 Directory

Ron Vendl stated he had picked up the directories. We have a total of 92 advertisers including 22 new ones. We raised \$6,105 and the total invoice was \$8,343.

Buoys

Kathy Laiter shared that the flashing red and green buoy lights for channel markers will be in soon and the host of channel buoys will receive them so they can be attached to the top. If your buoy needs some dress up/new lettering/numbers or in need of repair to reach out to Gary at 773-750-4049.

Bass Lake Festival

Kathy Laiter stated that planning is going well. They continue to look for volunteers for an entire event, a couple of hours working at the craft fair, blocking streets for the parade or any other time you can assist. Anything is appreciated. Please visit their website for updates.

The committee will again be taking orders and selling festival apparel at our next membership drive on Saturday, June 14, from 9-12. The festival is always the last full weekend of July and this year will be July 25, 26, and 27. You can visit their website to stay updated on the planning and volunteer needs:

<http://www.basslakefest.com>

Membership/Garbage Update

Kathy Laiter shared that now that the directories have arrived the first mailing will go out next week for anyone that had requested it. Anyone who did not pay the mailing fee can pick their packet up next Saturday at our membership drive. The festival committee will be selling 2025 items. In regard to garbage pick-up, we ask you to wait to put your yellow 2025 stickers on your cart or place them next to the orange 2024 ones.

Reminder that you are allowed one free bulk item per month, and it is scheduled for the first pick up day of the month (usually Mondays). You need to call Apex directly with a description of the item and address so they can send a truck directly to your home. Great news -- Apex has kindly agreed to pick up carts with the orange sticker on Monday, July 6, since it is a holiday weekend. After that carts without the current (yellow) sticker will be picked up and it should be noted your cart number needs to match the address it was assigned to so for anyone who moved carts between homes please reach out to me to make sure you have the accurate cart and home alignment.

XII. Audience Questions

None.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 AM. The next meeting will be on June 3, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Laiter
BLPOA Secretary