

BASS LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES 5/02/26

I. Attendees

- A. *Officers:* Terry Chmiel, Tom Busch, Kathy Laiter,
- B. *Directors:* Rodney Redweik, Mary Topelian, Ron Vendl, Cathy Wagner
- C. *Absent:* A.J. Gappa, William Oliver III, Bill Slavik,
- D. *# Of Property Owners/Guests Attending:* 20

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 2026 Property Owners' meetings were reviewed. A motion was made by Rodney Redweik with a second by Cathy Wagner to approve. The minutes were "approved" and will be posted on the BLPOA website: <https://www.inbasslake.com/>

III. Treasurer's Report

No report.

IV. Legislative

No report.

V. Neighborhood Watch

Ron Vendl shared there were 51 incidents for April as recorded in the Crime Mapper Alert report. He did a high-level review of them. The information can be found on the County GIS website at: <https://starkein.wthgis.com/>.

VI. Building Maintenance

Ron Vendl shared spring maintenance for furnace and air conditioners has been delayed due to McGrath having to go to an emergency service call. He stated the Board approved the \$715 quote to repair and paint the blue room.

VII. Rentals

Terry Chmiel stated that May and June are full and still receiving calls for additional rentals.

VIII. Social Committee

Cathy Wagner stated it is only two weeks until the annual pizza party and we are selling tickets today as well as at our membership drive on May 13. Tickets are \$10 per person, 5-10 will be \$5 and under five free. We have about 14 pizza vendors so will be a lot to taste. There will also be door prizes as well as a raffle item.

IX. Conservancy District

Larry Collura said that we had 6.23 inches of rain in April and added 31 million gallons of water. YTD 73.7 million gallons were added. He shared they are receiving a \$7,000 grant to treat weeds. Larry shared for 2025 they have 1,076 total customers of which 483 are on EFT (electronic fund transfers) and he encourages others sign up for automatic payment. He stated that there are about 30 rental homes on the lake that they are aware of and they had five permits for new homes and six for pole barns.

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 that their first event this year is a Tea Party reenactment and only a week away. A light dinner is from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. There will be food trucks, kids games, fireworks and the tea party reenactment will be at 7:00 pm. They are inviting everyone to come dressed in costume. All activities and beach entrance, except for the dinner, are free.

XI. New / On-going Business

Terry Chimel noted that the 2026 DNR Boating Safety Class will be held Saturday, May 30 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A link is on our website and our calendar. Go to NASBLA.org and click on your state. Class is usually limited to 25 people, but they have taken walk ins in the past.

Mary Topelian stated the Bass Lake Festival Committee has held several meetings already and T-shirts have been ordered. The theme this year is the 250 Year Anniversary. They will have the Cover Your Bass contest and bike race is returning. Last year's weather event did not deter from having another beer garden and bands at Portside Marina. Mary shared that they now are hosting bingo night to raise funds for the festival. They held one last month and 83 attended. They are hoping to do it bi-monthly. The next bingo night will be June 19. Their website for the latest information is: <http://www.basslakefest.com/>

Ron Vendl gave a final 2026 member directory update. They made about 130 contacts made by Russ Blais or Ron. There are about 100 advertisers with 21 new ads. We had to add four additional pages. We collected \$5,815 from the ads. The Board has decided we will need to raise add rates next year as they have remained the same since 2010.

Kathy Laiter shared that the Erie Trails Club will be holding a 5k run/walk. There are flyers on the back table and it is a great event. Also, on Saturday, May 9th, there is a residential hazardous waste collection event. Items accepted/not accepted are on the flyer on the table.

Kathy stated in two weeks we will have our first membership drive and the first mailing will go out next weekend. Emails are sent every few weeks with links to the form and it is on our website. Garbage pick-up for Memorial Day will be on Tuesday. She gave a reminder that all garbage must be in carts as drivers are not to get out of trucks to pick up bags.

Gary Laiter shared that anyone who would like to adopt a buoy to let him know. You only need to put them in and out as the BLPOA buys/repairs them.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 AM. The next meeting will be held on June 2, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Laiter
Secretary