

**Minutes for the Lake Oakland
Lake Improvement Board Meeting
June 24, 2026**

Robert Stawarz called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. at the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office 1st Floor Meeting Room.

PRESENT: Robert Stawarz, Citizen Member/Chairperson
Stephanie Petriello, Oakland County WRC, Secretary
Karen Joliat, Oakland County Commissioner
Paul Brown, Independence Township Treasurer
Gary Allison, Waterford Township Clerk
Jared Laughlin, Progressive Companies
Todd Snelgrove, Resident

OPEN MEETING:

All participants stated their name and affiliation for the record.

Stephanie Petriello reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet (see Attachment 'A').

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA:

Karen Joliat, supported by Gary Allison, moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented (see Attachment 'B').

Motion Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Karen Joliat, supported by Gary Allison, moved to accept the minutes as presented for the April 21, 2026 Lake Improvement Board meeting.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Progressive Companies will post the meeting minutes on the Lake Oakland website.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Survey, Harvesting, and Treatment Updates

Jared Laughlin outlined the Project Work Journal and all costs incurred to date. There is just over \$35,000 remaining for the year. This should be enough for additional treatment and harvesting efforts. The harvesting period was pushed back because there has not been enough growth to warrant a full effort. Aqua-Weed was directed to re-treat a few areas after the latest treatment and survey.

Rob Stawarz mentioned that he reached out to the lake riparians and reminded them that they can send photos and treatment requests through the website's contact portal. Jared Laughlin will add upcoming survey dates to the website.

B. Goose Busters! Invoice

Stephanie Petriello reviewed the Goose Busters! invoice and stated that 18 nest and 97 eggs were removed and destroyed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Aqua Contracting Discussion

Rob Stawarz mentioned that he has received several emails from residents who want their property lines treated as part of the SAD project. Jared Laughlin stated that shorelines are only treated for invasives species and algae control. He mentioned that anything else (nuisance native control, harvesting, etc.) is only focused on navigable waters and access to the lake. Beach grooming, dense native plants, etc. are the responsibility of the homeowner. This has been the case historically because the majority of the lake residents don't experience these issues.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Stawarz opened the floor for public comments.

Todd Snelgrove asked about the purple loosestrife beetles. Jared Laughlin mentioned that the previous riparian chairperson administered that project. The LIB would purchase the beetles, and the riparian would drive to Kalamazoo to pick them up and spread them on Sashabaw Island. The beetles provided decent results, but it is something that needs to be done every spring.

Todd Snelgrove also mentioned that post-harvest cleanup is an issue on his section of the lake. Jared Laughlin stated that is something that can be discussed with Oakland Harvesters because they are responsible for picking up as much clippings as possible.

Todd Snelgrove stated that about 9 residents have contracted with Aqua Contracting for muck removal via dredging.

Todd Snelgrove asked what the cost is to notify residents of a treatment. Jared Laughlin stated that it is a legal requirement of the state to physically post this notice. They cannot be sent electronically.

LAKE OAKLAND INVOICES:

None

LAKE OAKLAND INVOICE RATIFICATION:

The following invoices were previously approved via email:

Robert Stawarz outlined invoice #2020-MH-1355.4740 from Goose Busters! (dated May 13, 2026) in the amount of \$460.00 for nest removal and destruction along Lake Oakland.

Paul Brown, supported by Gary Allison, motioned to ratify payment of invoice #2020-MH-1355.4740 in the amount of \$460.00.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Robert Stawarz outlined invoice #25180 from Aqua-Weed Control, Inc. (dated May 19, 2026) in the amount of \$1,900.00 for nuisance aquatic plant control work performed on Lake Oakland on May 6, 2026.

Paul Brown, supported by Gary Allison, motioned to ratify payment of invoice #25180 in the amount of \$1,900.00.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Robert Stawarz outlined invoice #25181 from Aqua-Weed Control, Inc. (dated May 19, 2026) in the amount of \$30,367.81 for nuisance aquatic plant control work performed on Lake Oakland on May 18, 2026.

Paul Brown, supported by Gary Allison, motioned to ratify payment of invoice #25181 in the amount of \$30,367.81.

Motion Carried Unanimously

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

None

MEETING SCHEDULE:

The next Lake Board meeting will be held at 3:00 pm on August 12, 2026 at the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office 1st Floor Meeting Room.

ADJOURNMENT:

Paul Brown, supported by Karen Joliat, moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Stephanie L. Petriello

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Lake Improvement Board Secretary
For Lake Oakland

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS:
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the Lake Improvement Board for Lake Oakland, Oakland County, Michigan held on the 24th day of June 2026, and that the said minutes are on file in the Office of the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner and are available to the public.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was posted at least 18 hours before the meeting at the Office of the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, which is the principal office of the Lake Improvement Board for Lake Oakland.

Stephanie L. Petriello
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Lake Improvement Board Secretary
For Lake Oakland

Dated: June 30, 2026

Attachment 'A'

OAKLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE SHEET

DATE: June 24, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. FACILITATOR: _____

TYPE Lake Improvement Board Meeting (WRC Lunch Room)

TOPIC: Lake Oakland Lake Improvement Board Meeting

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Attachment 'B'

AGENDA

LAKE OAKLAND LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Building Lunchroom

1. Open Meeting
 - a. Introductions and Attendance
2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda for June 24, 2026
3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2026
4. Old Business
 - a. Survey results
 - b. Harvesting and treatment updates
 - c. Goose Busters! invoice received
5. New Business
 - a. Aqua Contracting Discussion
6. Public Comments
7. Lake Oakland Invoices
 - a. None
8. Lake Oakland Invoice Ratification
 - a. Ratification of Goose Busters! Invoice #2020-MH-1355.4740 for nest removal and destruction along Lake Oakland. Stephanie Petriello, supported by Rob Stawarz, to pay the invoice in the amount of \$460.00.
 - b. Ratification of Aqua-Weed Control Inc. Invoice #25180 for nuisance aquatic plant control work performed on Lake Oakland on May 6, 2026. Stephanie Petriello, supported by Rob Stawarz, to pay the invoice in the amount of \$1,900.00.
 - c. Ratification of Aqua-Weed Control Inc. Invoice #25181 for nuisance aquatic plant control work performed on Lake Oakland on May 18, 2026. Stephanie Petriello, supported by Rob Stawarz, to pay the invoice in the amount of \$30,367.81.
9. Board Member Comments
10. Schedule Next Meeting Date
11. Adjournment