

Maple Lake Association

April 16, 2026

Present: Frank, Don, Mike, Sherry, Anne, Doug, Diane, Dona Excused Sue
Guests: Roman, Chuck and Shirley Lund, Vicky Hickok

Minutes of last meeting were discussed. Anne made motion to approve minutes of last meeting, Doug seconded, all in favor.

Social Committee-Sherry said they met and talked about goals of the group and put a few ideas on the calendar. They suggested some tie ups near the amphitheater this year, they have not been scheduled yet. They discussed a 'poker run" on the boats in July. The parade was a hit and will be repeated and she said some other ideas are being discussed to advertise the events. We will use the web, email, facebook and even print advertising at other events. Dona is working on the newsletter.

Frank summarized the Board Elections last fall. Anne, Doug and Dona were elected at the Holiday meeting and officers were elected Frank-Pres, Don-Vice Pres, Anne-Treasurer, Mike- Secretary.

VanBuren Conservation Meeting- Don and Frank attended the meeting to discuss invasive species such as, hydrila, yellow floating heart, ray swamp crayfish, stiltgrass, quagga mussels, kudzu, switchgrass planting, and spotted lanternfly, all are invasive.

Treasurers Report: Anne reports we have \$12,551.88 in the bank account. We took in over a \$1000 at the Holiday Party. Sherry moved to accept the report, Diane seconded, all in favor.

MLSA Conference is May 1, 2. Frank said they will pay for Board members to go. April 25th is the Region 3 Lake meeting at Porter Township Hall 9am to noon. Representatives from local lakes get together and talk about their lakes issues or ideas to improve them.

Village Parks and Recreation Millage Renewal is May 5th for the Village. Roman discussed the renewal that has been in place for quite a while. The millage supports the village parks, the lake, potentially new pickle ball courts and other recreation ideas.

The 6th grade Salmon release is April 29th at 9am at the Paw Paw River behind the power plant, at Power Plant road (Dam Road)
Leaves disposal is this week.

Weed Control- Don will contact Jim the applicator in early May. Don will keep an eye on the lake and any weed activity. We usually treat in early June. He always looks for coontail which can be tough to manage. Other plants like millfoil and hydrilla and other weeds will be treated. Roman said the hospital is going to treat their lakefront as well.

Weed Boat- Doug said we are ready if we need it.

Village Updates- Roman said the Maple Island Bridge Open House is Saturday May 2nd at noon at the Bridge. Village staff have been working on cleaning the island for the event. There will be refreshments. The Briggs dam is about done. They need to back fill the areas around it and that should be done next week. There will be some picnic tables in the area and fencing will come a little later. There will be lighting and the path should be open as well. The village applied for a grant to redo the Amphitheatre. The Boardwalk needs work, painting and some other maintenance items. This would probably be something done next year if the grant is approved. Roman said they are getting a new dock for the island and are looking at 30 feet of aluminum dock which could be removed for the winter. The cost would be about \$3000. Dona suggested the old dock could be moved to the south side of the island where pontoons often park. Doug made motion to donate \$3500 to the village to purchase the new dock, Don seconded, all in favor.

Web Site- Dona reported on the website being updated and events being posted.

Hats, Visors, Shirts- Diane reports she ordered some flags, she and Sherry will be at the farmers market this summer with merchandise and to educate people about the lake. Frank asked if he should order more pens for the packets, he will get the info to Diane to order them.

Grants- Sue not here

Communications- Mike had received nothing except EGLE trainings and announcements , Dona said the announcements made tonight and lake events will be put in the newsletter. Mike will email Emily at the Conservation district and ask if they are planning another lake clean up this year.

Public Comment- Shirley asked if anyone has a contact with the local newspaper. Mike will contact Paul Garrod about how to get him lake stories or lake events .

Don made motion to adjourn, Dona seconded, all in favor.

Submitted by Mike Pioch