

Maple Lake Association Meeting Minutes from May 21,2026

Attendees: Anne Smith, Doug Hickock, Don Welch, Frank Walters, Dona McQueen, Sherry Adams and Diane Karna. Absent members were Mike Pioch and Sue Founé.

Minutes from last meeting: APPROVED (motion by Sherry/ supported by Dona and Diane)

Treasurer report/ Anne Smith: Amount in checking account to date: \$ 13,399.50

There are a few things that need to be paid. APPROVED (motion by Diane/ supported by Sherry.

OLD BUSINESS:

Social Committee / Sherry: Meetings were held with the committee members making plans for the old and new outings planned. Things are coming along nicely. More details will be shared on the events as the dates become closer via the website.

Village Parks and Rec Millage was renewed. Good news for the Village.

NEW BUSINESS

MLSA May 1-2: Mike Pioch attended and he will update us at the next meeting as he was absent from this meeting.

Region 3 April 25th: Frank and Don were going to attend but were not able due to unforeseen circumstances.

Salmon Release for 6th grade April 29,2026: Event was cancelled due to rain. There wasn't another date that was able to work, so the teachers released the salmon.

Leave disposal (Frank and Dona): People are blowing leaves into the lake, and this is not allowed, against the law actually. In the past it has also clogged the dam on north side of the lake per Roman.

Dona sent out a notification already, but she will send out a 2nd notice (with stronger verbiage) to remind everyone to stop as it pollutes the lake and can affect shallowness.

Frank is willing to contact the **Township** to ask them to put a notice on the sewer bills.

Weed Control (Don): The weed control will be the same as they were last year. The lake looks good now, and Don will keep track of it, and if there are changes, he will

contact the Weed Control company. Noted the hospital has paid for the 9 acres along the lake front and has agreed once again to cover the cost. Very thankful the hospital can help with the cost again this year.

Weed Boat (Doug): Boat is ready to go in the water, if we need it. Roman mention someone will come and check it to be sure it starts.

Village updates (Roman):

The Parks and Rec would like to have 1 representative from the lake association to come to their meetings. Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM. Address will be communicated once Roman has confirmed. **MOTION by Frank to nominate Diane and Diane accepted. APPROVED by Sherry and supported by Dona.**

Maple Island Bridge is open as well as the Island. New dock is installed where the old one used to be. Currently it has 3 sections. There is another section and Ann asked if they could still put the old one up in a different location to the West/ North of the Island, near swimming area. After great debate on the placement, Roman said he would check with the Village to see if installing the 2nd dock is an option for the Village due to people constraints and concerns about erosion.

Briggs Dam is almost finished. Landscaping still needs to be completed. There was some vandalism done on the new grassy area and kids were playing at the bottom where the water comes down. Had to add some additional fencing to control the area. Should be open within the next month or so.

Anne suggested that MLA has money in the checking account and we were planning on more money to go toward the new dock. Doug mentioned he was at Maple Island and noticed the picnic tables are in very bad shape and asked if MLA could help by replacing some of the tables. A great debate ensued regarding this topic. **MOTION** was made by Don to have Roman check with the Village to see if that was a possibility and was supported by Sherry.

Website (Dona): Thankful for Shirley's help to update the website and merchandise page.

102 subscribers; 49% are opening emails. Website activity has increased from April 2025 @ 748 to 1025 in April 2026. 7,134 views on FB / 896 engagements; 93% are non-followers of MLA. Posting on Paw Paw Now and Then seems to send people to FB.

Merchandise (Diane): No new sales on T-shirts and hats. New order has been placed for the MLA flags. Ink pens will be ordered with the logo soon. Diane and Sherry are planning on attending 1 Sunday per month at the Paw Paw Farmers Market with a small

tent set up (tent is being donated for this event, thanks to Chuck and Shirley Lund) to help spread the word about the Maple Lake Association and its events.

Grants (Sue): Absent – no information given.

Public Comments:

Chuck Lund mentions the Maple Island Bridge looks very plain. He gave a suggestion to add some flowers or something. Roman mention the Village is already concerned about the cost of the flowers around downtown as they are expensive and its hard-to-find PT help to water and take care of all the flowers around town. The Village was looking into artificial flowers to see if that would be more cost effective. It was mentioned there were a couple of solar lights on the bridge, but nothing was confirmed about any more. Dona mentioned maybe some metal art could be an option to add to the bridge. Nothing was confirmed about adorning the bridge at this time.

Motion to Adjourn: Don made the motion and Doug 2nd the motion and the meeting was adjourned.