

THE BIRCH BARK

White Birch Lakes Recreational Association
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AFTER HOURS MAINTENANCE/SAFETY (989) 588-7066 IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR ANY REASON OTHER THAN AN EMERGENCY, THE MAIN TELEPHONE NUMBER IS, 989-539-7166



IF YOU HAVE A MEDICAL OR FIRE EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911

Per WBLRA policies, Members must be "In Good Standing" (current on assessments) before using any of the amenities. If a Member is NOT in "good standing," our employees with direction from the Board will turn them away. If a Clubhouse Attendant turns a Member away, it is based upon a list which is updated Every Friday afternoon before 4pm.

HOURS OF OPERATION WINTER CLUBHOUSE HOURS Starting September 29, 2025

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Closed Wednesday
8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Friday & Saturday
12:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Sunday

SECRETARY-TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
Closed Wednesday
8:00 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. the 2nd Saturday of the month
Closed Sunday

MANAGER HOURS

8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday

SWIMMING POOL HOURS

9:00 AM TO 3:30 PM Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
Closed Wednesday
9:00 AM to 7:30 PM Friday & Saturday
12:00 P.M. to 4:00 PM Sunday

POOL ALWAYS CLOSSES 1/2 HOUR BEFORE THE CLUBHOUSE CLOSSES

COFFEE TALK
Every Friday
In the Clubhouse
9am to 11:00am
Donuts \$1.00



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Meeting	March 14	10:00 am Clubhouse
Easter Dinner	March 28	4 pm Clubhouse



Campfire and Seasonal Wood
If you see any downed trees or limbs on the side of the roads, they can be taken by the Members for campfires or seasonal firewood. Please do NOT enter other Members lots unless you have permission from the owner.

Fire Danger
Please use extreme caution and follow the Danger Rating system posted by Smokey at the Entrance/Exit

What should you do if you see injured wildlife within WBLRA?

Call the Clare County Sheriff Department at their non-emergency line at 989-539-7166 and **THEY** will provide assistance.

School is in Session!!!
Please SLOW DOWN!
Drive like these are your children or grandchildren!!
Let's make sure we ALL get where we are going safely!



Recreation

A current copy of the DNR ORV handbook is available in the office. Let's all have a great time and enjoy ourselves, safely. Slow down at stop signs and watch for others. Remember children 15 and under must have adult supervision. Please refer to Michigan.gov/DNR.



"Slow down you move to fast, you gotta make the moment last."



Trespassing

Please be aware that, by leaving WBLRA by any other means other than the Entrance/Exit, you are trespassing on private property. Please be aware that by opening trail, you are encouraging others who do not own property to come in on these unauthorized trails. The only lawful means of ingress & egress into our Association is the Entrance/Exit gates on White Birch Lane at the front of our Association. We encourage all Members to use the gates exclusively, as intended. Please DO

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Please mark your lots with the lot number to help other Members and/or potential Members to locate lots or in case of emergency such as fire or medical. If you need further information, please contact the

Information Station

"Your Destination for Information"

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takes too much data and we would like you to hear the meeting, our meetings are audio only.

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When Donating food items for the Food Pantry please make sure that the items have not expired.

With the ever-changing weather, maintenance may be working out on the roads. Remember these machines are large and do not stop immediately. If you don't see them, they don't see you. Let's be respectful, as they have a job to do.

Drop your speed to match road conditions. Please give the appropriate space. For those in the back... SLOW DOWN!!

Dumpsters have been removed from the Campground for the season

November 11, 2025.

The Bathhouse is closed for the season as well.

A friendly reminder, we all live and work here and we have noticed an increase in litter. Let's work together to keep our community clean!



A recording of the meeting minutes are available to listen to by appt with Sec/Treasurer in the office.

ICE FISHING

With the new aerators in place the ice on lakes is not the same as normal and may be thin in areas please use extreme caution as the ice is thinner than normal.

White Birch Lakes
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 14,2026
Meeting conducted through GoToMeeting.com and at the Clubhouse)

I. Call to Order:

President Boos called the meeting to order at 09:59 am.

Board Members Present: President Boos, Director Olson, Director Holzer, Director Sherry, Director Stanley, Director Dombrowski and Director Maniez, also, Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Trojanowski and Manager Michelle Waters

Board Members Attending by Teleconference/GoToMeeting:

Board Members/Others Absent:

Note: There were approximately 0 Members listening to the meeting through GoToMeeting and approximately 2 Members in Attendance at the Clubhouse.

The Invocation was given by President Boos

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present and listening.

II. Additions to the Agenda:

A. EPC Policy Review (add to Policy Discussion in Unfinished Business)

B. Lot#1043 Discussion

III. Approval of Minutes:

1) *Director Holzer moves to approve the minutes from the December Board Meeting, 2nd by Director Maniez. All Ayes, motion carried.*

IV. Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Lisa reported the following:

Vice President Holzer stated that as of January 31, 2026, \$41,909.29 was collected in back assessments.

2) *Director Sherry moves to approve the financial reports for December and January as presented, subject to the Auditor's approval, 2nd by Director Olson. All Ayes, motion carried.*

President's Report: President Boos report:

President's Report February 14, 2026

Happy Valentines Day to all.

January meeting was cancelled for unforeseen reasons, so our agenda is longer today. The New Year's Eve party was a great success. Many members attended and had a good time. The January thaw did not happen. We should be getting a February thaw next week. Now we can deal with muddy roads instead of snow and ice. Still can't keep our vehicles clean.

Manager Report: Michelle reported the following:

"Happy Valentines Day everyone, I would like to start out saying, since it has been a couple months, that since the ice storm at the beginning of December everything else has been going very smoothly. That was our horrible week. So, I would like to really thank Bob and Mark for being out in that ice storm in the evening while trees were coming down in the roads. I finally called them off and told them to go home, because they were going to be hit by a tree. So, they came back out the next day and moved more trees and so did a lot of other people. Anyone that was out there, thank you so much it was so dangerous. I just wanted to give everyone a big thank you. The generator went out on us it was overloaded so we did have somebody come out. It just needed to be reset, and he told us what to shut off so it doesn't happen again. But our aerators here are hooked up to it. That is a big drain on our generator also. One of the aerators got blown because of that so we had to get that fixed and back up and running. That did freeze over and we are hoping that it unfreezes because it is up and running. We have three nice big holes out there right now so hopefully the fish will find their way to them. The other two lakes aerators are doing well with no trouble. We have had a moderate snowfall according to NOAA this year, but I did see that we are almost out of drought the State of Michigan soil is almost saturated so that is great. So that means let's get ready for some muddy and bumpy roads. I have had a handful of members come in when they are paying their dues and say they have never used the pool. My response is to come in and try it out now it is not busy, and it is beautiful and warm, and you can get rid of some aches and pains. Other than that, everything is running well."

VII. Committee Reports:

EPC Committee: Director Holzer reported the following:

"We had two tree removals. I had put together some information because we had talked about publishing information on members in violation, but the lawyer said we could not. There were 7 travel trailers prior to May 1st and 1 was resolved. 3 deteriorated docks, 2 removed and 1 repaired, 2 three trailers on one lot 1 was resolved, 13 trailers left on lots after October 31st, resolved prior to Dec 31 expect for the 3 emergency situations that have remained, 3 homes cluttered and blite 2 were resolved, 13 camping accessories, 4 were resolved and 2 lot improvements without EPC approval, resolved after discussion with the members. There was a total of 52 letters sent out. Home 162 Evergreen nothing has been resolved even through the Township violations and letters. Lot 1152 on Pine Run, no resolve even though again
Township ordinance violations and 1043 Spruce Hill is in the attorneys' hands and almost resolved and Lot 693 on Elm Run no resolve and
Lot 162 and 1152 and 1043 were placed as members not in "good standing in the October 2024 meeting."

Safety Committee: Steve Biechele reported the following:

"Clare County Sheriff Incident reports, 33- Ambulance & Rescue, 4- Animal Control, 13- General Assistance, 6- stalking /Intimidation, 6 Motor Assist, 10 Paper Service, 125 Property Check, 6- Suspicious Persons, 63- Traffic Patrol and 26- Traffic Stop.

IX. Comments from the Floor:

X. Unfinished Business:

In regards to Agenda item, "White Birch Taxation Discussion" Director Sherry presented a proposed letter to the township assessor to be hand delivered along with a copy of the filed deeds showing the restrictions of use on the common area parcels. The Board agreed to have the attorney review the letter, and Director Olson volunteered to hand deliver it to the township along with the deeds once it received attorney approval.

In regards to Agenda item, "Election Policy Discussion," Director Dombrowski presented information on how to make absentee ballots and in person ballots to be the same and allow write in votes and follow Roberts Rules. Ballots will be presented with correct wording at the June meeting.

In regards to Agenda item, "EPC Violations Spreadsheet," Director Holzer presented information on members that have violated rules and requested that policy is put in place to help EPC and the Board of Directors enforce the rules to the best of their ability. There was a lengthy discussion, and this topic will be brought back to next month's meeting.

3) Director Sherry moves to approve the motion to continue with the attorney's recommendation to continue to let the court rule regarding Lot# 1043, 2nd Director Stanley. All Ayes, motion carried.

Break- 11:20 am to 11:30 am

XI. New Business:

In Regards to the Agenda Item "Ratify Email Motion on Deed Restrictions"

4). Director Stanley made a motion to ratify our email motion on Deed Restrictions. 2nd Director Maniez. All Ayes, motion carried.

In Regards to Agenda Item "Capital Improvement Planning" Director Sherry began a discussion on starting a committee that would look at long term plan for Capital Improvement and long-term projects that may need to be done and the timeline. President Boos will get together with Michelle and get back to the board.

XII. Additional Comments from the Floor:

1. Steve Biechele, Lot# 1321, "Technically we gave the membership an opportunity to extend the camping season to mirror Lincoln Twp, but it was not a good faith effort. The Bi-law proposal had a bunch of stuff on it that no one wanted. They wanted fines, they wanted permission to cut down dead trees, etc. ect. There were two or three things that a lot of the members wanted. Originally, we talked about having separate proposals and this is my fourth or fifth request to submit to you guys to put on the ballot not hire an outside company and put two or three things on there the camping season and the temporary structures for sure, to basically copy what the township allows. If they change it

then obviously, we will have to try to change it again. If you want to put all seven things on there separately that is fine too. Let the membership tell you what they want. But you did not make a good faith effort saying to allow us to have temporary structures for May 1st to Nov 30 because it was tied into all this other stuff that most members did not want as a result of the election showing.

2. Steve Brandle, Lot# 1369, "Going back to the absentee ballot discussion, when you ask for the write in candidates and the concern was limiting people with how many slots were there. Maybe you could add not limited to additional nominees can be written on the back of the page. That way it opens it up to how many people can you stick on the back page of the ballot."
3. Carolyn Bork, Lot# 287, "If you are having issues on not wanting to raise fees for different projects, I noticed that you had a Chili cookoff not long ago, why not have a fundraiser taco sale or something to raise funds. This would encourage people to #1 come, #2 to people to get up and get out and meet other people and #3 we are doing something we are talking about it. You can see it; it is a visual. It is more than giving someone a blank piece of paper that says we want to redo the bathroom, this is the tile we want, and this is how much money we want. If you are actually standing out there as a board and saying hey, we are doing this, with a big picture, because this is what we want. Are there enough people, if there are 600 members then you would think that 250 would at least show up. Maybe even 25, but at least there the community is seeing with their eyes what could be done verses talking about it."
4. Dawn Holzer, Lot# 1103, "To add to your comment, we have at annual meetings did like a 50/50 for new playground equipment. It is good. We will do that for sure."
5. Steve Brandle, Lot# 1369, "Just one quick comment about the EPC policy proposal, on page 4 is specifies suspension of privileges of membership. On #2 it says during the period of any continuing violations of the restricted covenants of the development. My personal opinion on some of the discussion I heard earlier on this, is that we are creating policy that is trying to circumvent the C&R's that is my opinion on this."

5) *Director Dombrowski moves to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Director Olson. All Ayes, motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned 11:55 am

Submitted by,

Lisa Trojanowski Secretary/Treasurer

Recordings of Meeting Minutes are available to listen to by appointment with Secretary/Treasurer.

EPC Reminder Letters sent 2025 status

- 1) 7 travel trailers placed prior to May 1st 1 resolve
- 2) 3 deteriorate docks 2 removed, 1 repaired
- 3) 2 with 3 trailers on 1 lot 1 resolved
- 4) 13 trailers on lots after Oct 31st resolved prior to Dec 1st except the 3 emergency situations remain
- 5) 3 homes clutter/blight 2 resolved
- 6) 13 camping accessories sent after Oct 31st 4 resolved
- 7) 2 lot improvements without EPC approval resolved after discussion with members

Total 52 letters sent

Home on lot 162 on Evergreen-No resolved even through township ordinance violation

Lot 1152 on Pine run-no resolve even through township ordinance violation

Lot 1043 on Spruce Hill in the Associations Attorney Hands-almost resolved

Lot 693 on Elm Run-No resolve

162, 1152, 1043 placed as "Members Not in Good Standing" Oct 2024 Board meeting

Thanks to all members for following the guidelines that are set in the C&R's, and By-laws of this Association. Very much appreciated.

Name: _____ Date: _____



- AQUARIUS
- CANDLELIGHT
- CARNATION
- CHOCOLATE
- COZY
- CUPID
- FEBRUARY
- FIREPLACE
- FRIENDSHIP
- GROUNDHOG DAY
- HEART
- HUG
- KISS
- LEAP YEAR
- LOVE
- MARDI GRAS
- PINK
- PISCES
- PRESIDENTS DAY
- RED
- ROMANCE
- ROSES
- SKIING
- SNOW
- SWEETHEART
- VALENTINE
- WINTER

WORD SEARCH DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

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Come One, Come All For BINGO!!!

Bingo will be held at the Clubhouse from 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. on the dates below. There is no charge for Bingo. Prizes are Candy Bars, Chips and other items that we may have, So come one and all to have an afternoon of fun!

Questions please call: Marney Frank 248-320-1089. Dates are subject to change.

Jan. 24, 2026

Feb. 28, 2026

No Bingo in March due
to an early Easter.

Easter Dinner March 28

