

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 April 10
Easter Dinner March 28

10:00 am Clubhouse
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

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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.

MARCH

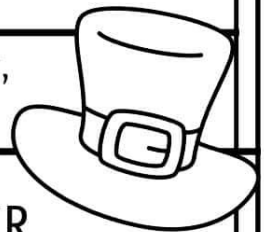


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Can you find all the hidden words? Look straight across, down, or diagonally — no sneaky backwards words!



SPRING
RAIN
RAINBOW
CLOVER
GREEN



LUCKY
SHAMROCK
GOLD
LEPRECHAUN
BREEZE



FLOWER
BLOOM
PARADE
FESTIVAL
JOY



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

I. Call to Order:

President Boos called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

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

Board Members Attending by Teleconference/GoToMeeting: Director Maniez

Board Members/Others Absent: Director Sherry

Note: There were approximately 1 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. Additions to Timber Lake

III. Approval of Minutes:

1) *Director Holzer moves to approve the minutes from the February Board Meeting, 2nd by Director Dombrowski.*

All Ayes, motion carried.

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

Lisa stated that \$42,364.55 was collected last fiscal year in past due fees. The budget was \$17,919.00 making it a difference of \$24,445.55. \$9,640.00 was transferred to Capital/Contingency fund as a budgeted item with an additional \$36,360.00 for a total of \$40,000.00. And an additional \$10,000.00 was transferred in March 2026 after going through the final budget. That is a total of \$50,000.00.

2) *Director Holzer moves to approve the financial reports for February 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 March 14, 2026

Happy St. Patrick's Day. March 17th will be here soon.
Time to enjoy green beer and corn beef.

Winter is not over yet, so prepare for the upcoming storms.

March events coming up are today, Bingo, and Easter Dinner March 28th.

A friendly reminder there is Kentucky Derby prep races in March and April. The Derby is first Saturday of May.

Manager Report: Michelle reported the following:

"We had our pool inspection last week and we had no violations. The inspector has stated that he knows that our pool is well maintained and is never afraid to come here. The Health Department offers a water sampling service, which we have been doing for the past couple of years, and we signed up with them again this year because it does save us a lot of money. They come out, they take the sample, and they run it for us. We do not have to do anything but pay them. Which is approximately a savings of \$100 annually because we only have to sample once because they are doing it. If we were to do it, it would be quarterly. We just found out that Discount Dumpsters were bought out by GFL, they will honor our contract with the price this year. I just want to remind everyone that if you had a boat slot last year and you have not paid for it yet; those are going to be handed out pretty quick to people on the waiting list. You also need to remember that your assessments have to be paid for in order for you to have a boat slot. You can call if you have any questions. We have been talking about ATT and ATT phones for a couple of years and am still in negotiations with them. Because they thought they could provide us with a service and they finally realized that we cannot get ATT cell phone service in here. They are still trying to provide us with something, but they will fade out the copper lines probably in the Fall. So, we are either going to have to go to a different cell service, Verizon works in here better than anything else, but we will see the engineer is still trying work out something for us. He does now realize we are pretty remote. My last thing that I wanted to talk about is this storm that we have coming up tonight and tomorrow. Maintenance- Mark and I sit and look at the weather hourly, just to see what's coming. So, as of right now we are going to leave the snow on the roads because it is going to rain and right now there is about 4 to 5 hours of ice and icing that they are forecasting. We do not want that on the roads, we want that on top of the snow so we can get rid of it later. So, everybody just calm down when the snow comes and it is going to go away shortly. There is going to be a period where it will be pretty sloppy. But keep in mind we are watching it. We are going to do what we can, but we do not want the ice on the road.

VII. Committee Reports:

Campground Committee: Steve Brandle reported the following:

"Just a reminder that the campers and the RV's have to be out of the front part of the campground before May 18th. That is the Monday before Memorial Day weekend. Hopefully everyone cooperates."

EPC Committee: Director Holzer reported the following:

"We had 1 tree removal."

Finance Committee: Director Holzer reported the following:

"I do not have the year end report from February, I will have that for the April Meeting.

IX. Comments from the Floor:

X. Unfinished Business:

In regards to Agenda item, "White Birch Taxation Discussion" It was stated that all the paperwork has been turned into the Township and we are patiently waiting for the outcome.

In regards to Agenda item, "EPC Policy Review," Director Holzer stated that she presented a member not in "Good Standing" policy last month last month for violations. Director Holzer did find the previous legal opinions and presented them as well. This was discussed in detail on how to address EPC violations and how to correct them and/or place a member in violation. This policy will be rewritten clearly and presented next month for a vote.

In regards to Agenda item, Lot# 1043 Discussion," President Boos stated we have sent the affidavit to the attorney to continue pursuing this matter.

XI. New Business:

In regards to Agenda item, "2026-2027 Insurance Quotes"

3) *Director Dombrowski moves to renew the Commercial Insurance Package for 2026-2027 with Auto Owners Insurance Company through Schumacher Agency Inc. as presented in the amount of \$20,257.05 with the payment to be made in full, 2nd by Director Stanley, All Ayes, motion carried.*

In Regards to Agenda Item "No Slip Flooring for Shower Room/Pool"

4) *Director Holzer moves to approve the purchase and installation of new flooring in the Clubhouse bathrooms and Campground Bath house in the amount of \$ 24,758.00 to come out of Capital/Contig funds from Epoxypro 2nd Director Dombrowski. All Ayes, motion carried.*

In Regards to Agenda item "EPC Form Update" Director Holzer presented a few forms that were updated in wording and clarification. Building and Land Use Permit form, Application for Exemption Contiguous Form and Building Guidelines. It was decided to table the Application for Exemption Contiguous Form to bring to the next meeting.

5) *Director Dombrowski moves to approve the changes made to the Building Accessory Guidelines and Building and Land Use Permit form, 2nd Director Olson. All Ayes, motion carried.*

6) *Director Dombrowski moves to approve the decision to table any decisions on changes for Application for Exemption Contiguous form until next month, 2nd Director Olson. All Ayes, motion carried.*

In Regards to Added Agenda item, "Timber Lake Additions" Director Stanley reported that he would like to discuss some improvements with the beach area, stairs and the docks at Timber Lake. Director Stanley will come back next month with more information and ideas.

XII. Additional Comments from the Floor:

1. Steve Brandle, Lot# 1369, "On the Timber Lake issue, a couple of observations, some of the trees are hanging over the shoreline. There is also a spot, if you are making the curve by the house, it is a low spot and constantly full of water and needs some gravel right there. Another thing is the fishing access from shore. We only have a very small shoreline as compared to this lake or Holiday Lake, and we have signage up because we do not want people fishing on the beach area because they lose their hooks right where people are swimming. We have had people hook that buoy thing and lose their hooks in that and people's hands get stuck on that. Maybe what we could look into is where the dock is right now by the boat launch, we could put some kind of fishing pier that goes out a way and gives some room for like 6 -8 people to fish and get them into a little deeper water and get away from that beach area."

2. Joseph Bork, Lot# 287, "I am a new member we just bought a lot in here. I have read the By-laws, and we are not allowed to have sheds and I get that. Would you guys allow a 3-sided enclosure with a gate on it, kind of like a dumpster enclosure with no roof. This would be so I could store my law mower and golf cart and stuff like that. It is not a shed no roof. I would build it myself and look nice just so I can have more security. It would be a permanent structure with posts in the ground."

A short break was taken at 11:10 am

Closed Session 11:15 am

CLOSED SESSION- Employee Reviews

Return to Open Session 11:29 am

7) Director Stanley moves to approve the motions made in closed session. 2nd Director Olson. All Ayes, motion carried.

8) Director Stanley moves to adjourn the meeting, 2nd Director Holzer. All Ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:55 am

Submitted by,

Lisa Trojanowski Secretary/Treasurer

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