

Gravel Lake Association
Semi-Annual Membership Meeting – Meeting Minutes
June 6th, 2026

- I. Opening Remarks [4 min: 11:04] –Meeting called to order at 11:01am thanks Tom & Kathy, pay your dues, merchandise sale, 50-50 raffle, native plant sale
- II. Roll Call [2 min: 11:06]: C. DeSimone, Reed, Micheli, J. Pinkos, Carlos, Faustino, Hochsprung, Kelliher, Kurtyak, McDevitt, McGreal, A. Pinkos, Rinaldi, Rogers(x), Vitkauskas, L. Zwartz, T. Zwartz
- III. Treasurer’s Report [10 min: 11:16] - Janice gave a report. 145 paid members.
- IV. Committee Reports [20 min: 11:36] –
 - A. Safety: "Safety is first" Phil gave a report. Incident on Gravel Lake that involved PWC. Please understand the law and obey the rules. A safety committee: agenda topics: first responders: gathering volunteers for first responders. AEDs: working on placing them around the lake 5-6 AEDs working on getting quotes on cost. Shaw road safety: Two flashing pedestrian signs will be located at entrance drive and dugans court. The township is asking for the GLA to pay for half. \$1800. Connie- is it possible to get paved shoulder? Phil is still working on that. Does she know anything about swamp road? recently
 - B. Communications: Jim gave a report. Mission to keep you all informed. gl community facebook page, email blast, most recent gravel laker has been delivered. We would love photos for the next issue. please submit history. Please see the website for any GLA information. new sandwich boards. Thanks to the volunteers for putting those up.
 - C. Membership: Janice gave a report, working on a small membership appreciation gift, GLA survey will be coming out.
 - D. Water Quality: Ken gave a report. Still working on lake manager RFP
 - 1. Lake manager?
 - 2. Native plant sale -Craig- please plant native plants onshoreline. To prevent runoff. Please don't fertilize. Jen Garvey: are algae blooms floating in the water. nutrient rich calm and warmth cause algae bloom. Clumps help to remove scoop up. but be careful. Missy - harmful algae bloom and naturally occurring but can be toxic and you will get sick and can kill your dog. if it looks like someone dumped paint in the lake. Send photos of algae to your beach trustee.
 - E. Events:
 - 1. Garage sale - 6/27/26 -
 - 2. 4th of July- events posted on the GLA community page.
 - 3. Social?- tonight GL social 6:30 at the rock -
 - 4. Fall festival - 10/10/26 -
 - F. Fundraising: gravel lake apparel new merch available today. Saturday, Aug 8th. Does anyone want to volunteer? 0 dock hosts. buy your 50/50 raffle tickets.
 - G. History: get your history stories in to sheri k
 - H. Government Relations: Bart Richards is new chair to this committee. trying to have a presence at local govt meetings. to learn and possibly influence.
- V. Old Business [0 min: 11:36] - none
- VI. New Business [25 min: 12:01]
 - A. MLSA update: craig gave update. Fighting Data centers in cass county. extracting ground water. fabius township. wetlands committee egle permits committee. We should have a committee. wake surfing regulations, other stats how wake enhancing boats using shoreline distances. One session on phosphorus can occur from runoff, naturally occurring in the lake, our sediment holds phosphorus. Chur up the bottom of the lake, temperature. We need to monitor how to block geese from the shoreline. obstruct geese range of view. the more you obstruct their vision, they will less likely to go on your lawn like a well fertilized lawn. you are responsible if your dog kills a goose. local govt. anything you do below the high water mark you need a permit. weed rollers,

permanent docks, muck blasters. public permit. annoy mouse complaints on mienviro.com. need permit to put weed roller or muck blaster.

B. Trustee elections

1. Overview - slating committee
2. 2026 slate + nominations – recent resignation, will recruit and hopefully fill position at our Aug mtg
 - a) Carlos- accept
 - b) DeSimone- accept
 - c) L Zwartz- accept
 - d) Hochsprung- accept
 - e) Reed- accept
 - f) Klauer- accept
 - g) Micheli- accept
 - h) McGreal- accept
 - i) Rinaldi- accept
 - j) Kelliher - accept
 - k) Faustino- accept
 - l) Pinkos- accept
 - m) T Zwartz- accept
 - n) Vitkauskas- accept

3. Voting - motion made by Dan Mcdevitt. Second by Kathy Stefo

- C. Township update: in addition to flashing pedestrian signs on Shaw road, the Bankson lake sewer project. They are buying in for \$25,000. Construction for 2028. The plant was over built and the more capacity the more efficient. Senior services at the porter township hall. Fire trucks stationed at porter township volunteers living
- D. Rich Garrison- what is the health of the weed bed? Craig- no wake zone buoys have reduced the width of the lanes through the weed bed. If we engage a lake monitor, they would be in charge of that.

VII. Announcements [10 min: 12:11] - kathy stefo- thanks to greg garrett for playing taps all these years. v. carlos- looking for recording of taps.

- A. Next BoT meeting: 7/18/26
- B. Membership meeting: August 22nd (Rinaldis' - Gebhard Dr.)
- C. 50-50 raffle winner- \$138 pinkos
- D. Plant giveaway
- E. Community Outreach - Lynn Gilliland
- F. Picnic logistics

VIII. Adjournment [72 min: total: 12:12] 12:22 meeting adjourned

2026 Calendar - Updated (September 2026)

Date	Event	Notes
Saturday, April 4, 2026		Easter
Saturday, April 11, 2026		
Saturday, April 18, 2026	BOT	
Saturday, April 25, 2026	MLSA R3	
Saturday, May 2, 2026	MLSA Conf	Muskegon

Saturday, May 9, 2026		Mother's Day
Saturday, May 16, 2026	BOT	
Saturday, May 23, 2026		Memorial Day
Saturday, May 30, 2026		
Saturday, June 6, 2026	membership mtg + picnic + social	
Saturday, June 13, 2026		
Saturday, June 20, 2026		Father's Day
Saturday, June 27, 2026	Garage sale	
Saturday, July 4, 2026	GLA 4th	4th of July
Saturday, July 11, 2026		
Saturday, July 18, 2026	BOT	
Saturday, July 25, 2026		
Saturday, August 1, 2026		
Saturday, August 8, 2026	Poker Run	
Saturday, August 15, 2026		
Saturday, August 22, 2026	membership mtg	
Saturday, August 29, 2026		
Saturday, September 5, 2026		Labor Day
Saturday, September 12, 2026		
Saturday, September 19, 2026	BOT	
Saturday, September 26, 2026	MLSA R3	
Saturday, October 3, 2026		
Saturday, October 10, 2026	Halloween	Columbus Day
Saturday, October 17, 2026	BOT	
Saturday, October 24, 2026		
Saturday, October 31, 2026		Halloween