

MATTESON LAKE ASSOCIATION

June 20, 2026 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE/CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. President Wilson Ray, Vice President Sharon Kolassa, Treasurer Erik Sabaitis, and Secretary Blair Shaman were present, along with 24 members.

LAST MEETING MINUTES

Lee Swift moved to approve the minutes from the May membership meeting, Tom Schmeltzer seconded, approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of June 17, the balance in the Fish Fund: \$6376.55, General Fund: \$28,672.53, Lake Management Fund: \$14,559.25. As discussed, the Association's bond was increased to \$30,000. Erik noted that our auditor can no longer audit our books every year and asked for a volunteer to cross-check our books. Paul Felcyn volunteered. Don Batey moved to approve the report, Charlie Doner seconded. Approved.

VICE PRESIDENT UPDATE

We have 120 paid member households to date. 16 households that were members last year have not renewed. There are roughly 212 households that we consider potential members.

GUEST SPEAKER

Matt Hanauer from EGLE spoke to the membership about the watershed planning grant. Matt was asked about controlling the Eurasian Milfoil growth on the lake and noted that direct treatment is not typically included in the plan. We are close to finalizing and signing the grant.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Apparel: No update
- Water Quality: Student sampling will be performed in July
- Fish: We will likely have a fish survey performed by the State within the next one to three years. The survey will be focused on Walleye but will include other information as well.
- Goose Removal: The Goose Removal Program has been paused by the state. We will post more information on the website. We are going to collect signatures to get a permit under the assumption that the program will resume. We need at least 70% of the lake residents need to approve participation in the program.
- Bingo: We have our license and many volunteers have agreed to help.

NEW BUSINESS

- A resident spoke to the membership about the expanding Eurasian Milfoil problem on the lake. Many other lakes in the area use chemicals to treat Milfoil. The Association was urged to look further into the problem, as it has grown worse and will continue if untreated. The problem is worse near the area that water enters the lake. Many treatment options are available with chemical treatment seen as the most effective. There is some concern about negative effects of chemical treatment, although modern chemicals seem to be better targeted and mitigate negative impact. The Association used to treat Milfoil with chemicals and many residents were strongly opposed to it due to health concerns and reports that fish and other plants were killed. After that experience, the Association planted Milfoil Weevils to combat the problem. Specialized mats that are placed on

the lake floor are also an option, as is placement of more weevils. Treatment cost can be voted on to be included in property taxes, but that would require changes to the structure of the Lake Association or another type of committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blair Shaman
Secretary