

Phantom Lakes Management District

August 27th, 2026, 6:00pm

Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting

APPROVED

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order by Chairman Joe Graczyk at 6:00 PM

2. Open Meeting Notice

- a. The meeting was notified and posted according to law.

3. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Chairman Joe Graczyk, , Treasurer Adam Miller, Scott Babinat, , Town Supervisor Dave Dubey and County Supervisor Darlene Johnon. Also present Colleen Mutchler, Dawn Wilson, Barry Ripes, Steve Todd, Joanne Tlachac-Hehn, Bob Brill, Don Otto and John Krewer. Absent: Jake Jagmin and Ryan Fait.

4. Open Forum

- a. Assistant Colleen Mutchler approached the board about taking on administrative duties for another local lake management district. Colleen will continue to work with PLMD. No issues regarding addition according to other board members.
- b. Don Otto, President of Whispering Bay was in attendance to discuss weed issues surrounding their pier. Looking for contacts and information concerning removal of weeds and muck. Harvesting Manager referenced the DNRs parameters concerning harvesting in certain depths and surrounding the sensitive shoreline.
- c. Resident Barry Ripes commented on deteriorating swim platform located on the northern shore of upper Phantom Lake.

5. Announcements & Correspondence

- a. Resident Gary Nance emailed a letter pertaining to the large amount of lily pads that inhabit lower Phantom Lake on the north side. Gary feels a lot of frustration concerning the DNRs restrictive stance on removal.

6. Secretary's Report

- a. County Supervisor Darlene Johnson makes a motion to approve the July meeting minutes Treasurer Adam Miller seconds. Motion carried.

7. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer Adam Miller reads the report. Chairman Joe Graczyk makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Town Representative Dave Dubey seconds. Motion carries.

8. Harvesting Report

- a. Season is winding down, two operators remain. Equipment to be pulled in early October.
- b. Many bogs have been removed and spotted on the lake, concerns about them making floating to the damn. Removal of bogs has led to some repair needs.
- c. Belting replaced on the larger green harvester.
- d. Resident Barry Ripes commented on weeds around his pier on upper Phantom Lake. Concerns harvesting the area and spreading more species.

9. Fish Stocking

- a. Resident Steve Verduyn applied and received the DNR permit to stock fish this fall. Fish will be stocked when the water cools, sometime in October.
- b. Both upper and lower will be stocked equally with 1,500 largemouth bass, 1,500 walleye, 1,400 crappie and 1,400 perch.

10. AIS Sign

- a. Chairman Joe Graczyk made a motion to approve the purchase of two aquatic invasive species signs for the Town and Village launch not to exceed \$1,000. Treasurer Adam Miller seconds. Motion carries.
- b. A sign for each launch is planned to be installed this Spring 2027 by the Village of Mukwonago. The Village will provide the aquatic invasive species removal tools.

11. Aerators

- a. No update.

12. Dredging

- a. Diggers hotline has been called to assess the area, possible concern over buried lines.
- b. Resident Barry Ripes has been contacting dredging companies to prepare an estimate for the annual meeting.

13. 2027 Budget

- a. Line 9 and 65 removed off current sheet, these lines reflect the sale and purchase of the old/new harvesters.
- b. Town Representative Dave Dubey makes a motion to approve the budget that will be discussed and edited at the annual meeting on September 29th. Board member Scott Babinat seconds. Motion is carried.

14. 2026 Newsletter

- a. Assistant Colleen Mutchler shares the newsletter; board supplies a few changes. Edits to be made after the meeting.
- b. Treasurer Adam Miller makes a motion to approve the newsletter for printing. Board member Scott Babinat seconds. Motion is carried.

15. Next Meeting Tuesday September 29th, 2026, at 6pm. Meeting will be held at the Mukwonago Town Hall, W320 S8315 Beulah Road, Mukwonago, WI

16. Adjournment

- a. Motion made by Town Supervisor Dave Dubey to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. County Supervisor Darlene Johnson seconds. Motion carried.