

Colon Township Lake Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2026

Colon Township Fire Barn, Colon, MI

1. Call to Order: Chairman J. Borgert called meeting to order at 10:00 AM
J. Borgert immediately suspended the board meeting to introduce Matt Diana from Michigan DNR Fisheries and his presentation of the most recent fish survey.
The lake board meeting was called back to order at 11:40 AM
2. Roll Call Board Members Present: J. Borgert, E. Bell, T. Conklin, J. Crawford, T. Tenney, J. Wenzel.
Absent: None
3. Roll Call Advisory Committee Members Present: J. Borgert, E. Bell, P. Camper, J. Crawford, R. Gentz, D. Schneider, T. Taylor, T. Tenney. Absent: G. Costello, S. Charles.
4. Motion by T. Tenney & second by T. Conklin to approve minutes of June 13, 2026 meeting. All yes, Motion carried.
5. J. Borgert read account balances and bills to be paid as of 6/30/26. Checking has a balance of \$185.98. CD has a balance of \$0.00. Money market has a balance of \$372,792.75. J. Crawford reported the checking account had a negative balance for one day because a transfer was not done when bills were paid. Motion by E. Bell & second by T. Tenney to accept the financial report ledger as presented. All yes, Motion carried.

CHECKING

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
06/01/2026	Beginning Balance			\$ 180.59
06/24/2026	#1261 to Sturgis Journal	\$ 555.00		\$ (374.41)
06/25/2026	Transfer from MM		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 725.59
06/25/2026	#1260 to Three Rivers	\$ 540.00		\$ 185.59
06/30/2026	Interest		\$ 0.39	\$ 185.98
06/30/2026	Ending Balance			\$ 185.98

BILLS SUBMITTED TO BE PAID

06/08/2026	PLM Long Lake EWM treatment 6.5 acres	\$ 6,792.50
06/08/2026	PLM Palmer Lake EWM treatment 10 acres	\$ 10,855.50
06/19/2026	PLM Lepley Lake EWM treatment	\$ 2,160.00
06/18/2026	PLM Long Lake Eutrosorb WC treatment	\$ 23,325.00
06/18/2026	PLM Palmer Lake Eutrosorb WC treatment	\$ 42,850.00
06/30/2026	Progressive & Co. quarterly fee	\$ 3,000.00
06/19/2026	Wilcox Newspaper legal publication of special assessment	\$ 340.00

BILLS TO BE PAID: \$ 89,323.00

CD

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
06/30/2026	Ending Balance			\$ -

MONEY
MARKET

Date	Description	Expenses	Income	Balance
06/01/2026	Beginning Balance			\$ 80,792.11
06/15/2026	Transfer from CD		\$ 292,603.35	\$ 373,395.46
06/25/2026	Transfer to pay bills	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 372,295.46
06/30/2026	Interest		\$ 497.29	\$ 372,792.75
06/30/2026	Ending Balance			\$ 372,792.75

6. Old Business

- a) No discussion was had about the DNR presentation due to time constraints.
- b) Discuss was had at the advisory meeting regarding parcel 002 190 009 00 (Thomas) and parcel 002 190 008 00 (Gazella). Both parcels are charged for lake front access but have no access. Both owners have property across Burr Oak Road with lake front, and those properties are assessed for weed control. The advisory committee recommended the lake board set the new assessment amount for those two parcels to \$0.00 for the remaining term of the assessment. There was some discussion about the parcels. J. Crawford showed a map and J. Borgert explained a possible reason for the error. Motion by J. Crawford & second by T. Tenney to accept the advisory committee recommendation to set the assessment to \$0.00 for those two parcels. All yes, motion carried.
- c) Discussion was had at the advisory committee meeting about the watershed management plan/sampling. The Matteson Lake Association is working with EGLE to refine the work plan and contract language. The final contract was signed on 6/29. L. Lemke from the Matteson Lake Association is writing a QAPP (quality assurance project plan) for the monitoring and inventorying of samples which must be approved by EGLE before water samples can be collected. T. Taylor will represent the lake board on the watershed management committee and will report back as the project progresses.
- d) Conversation was held at the advisory committee meeting about survey results. T. Taylor said there were 146 responses to the survey included with the newsletter. Results were similar to last year regarding water quality and clarity. Two areas of concern that increased from last year's survey were wake boat restrictions/regulations and the implementation of sewers. 75% of respondents provided an email and said they would welcome an electronic version of the newsletter.
- e) J. Borgert updated assessment roll for 2027 through 2031 includes 744 units after removing the two parcels for Gazella and Thomas. Total annual revenue will be \$113,575.00

7. New Business

- a) E. coli results from 7/1/26 were read at the advisory committee meeting. All values on both lakes remain in the "safe to swim" range. Elevated values were noted in many parts of Little Swan Creek.
- b) The first Eutrosorb WC treatment has been completed. Phosphorus levels prior to the treatment were between 10 and 12 ppm. The levels were reduced to less than 10 ppm after the treatment, however, there is no way to know the exact level because the lab can only detect phosphorus levels down to 10 ppm. J. Borgert reported Secchi disk readings of 5 to 5.5 feet on Long Lake after the treatment. J. Crawford reported a Secchi disk reading of 2.5 feet on Palmer Lake on 7/10. J. Borgert noted that weeds can grow in water up to twice as deep as the Secchi disk readings. PLM will be on the lakes the week of 7/13 to take additional water samples and assess the lakes for the second Eutrosorb WC treatment. Algae screening will be done on the samples taken to determine the type of algae in the water. If elevated phosphorus levels are detected the second Eutrosorb WC treatment will be scheduled for the last week of July or the first week of August.
- c) There was a question from a riparian about the buoy placement and missing labels on the buoys going towards the dam from Palmer Lake. J. Crawford explained that the Village of Colon is responsible for the maintenance and placement of the two buoys that mark the no wake zone towards the dam.
- d) Lake board meetings are scheduled for August 8, and September 12. All meetings scheduled to be held at the Colon Township Hall at 10:00 AM, unless otherwise noted.
- e) Motion by J. Wenzel & second by J. Crawford, to adjourn at 11:56. All yes, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Crawford
Colon Lake Board Secretary