

**Spring Lake - Lake Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2025**

Barber Street School
102 W. Exchange St.
Spring Lake, MI

1. **Call to order:** 4:05pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Taken by the Secretary, Michelle Hazekamp. 8 in attendance, a quorum was present.
Present: Josh Brugger, Rick Soldo (via zoom), Michelle Hazekamp, Jim Walters, Carly Scholtz, John Nash, Dave Billingham, Roger Vanderstelt.
Absent: Joe Bush, Stephanie Barrett.
3. **Additions to/Corrections to/Approval of the Agenda:** Chairman Brugger asked for the addition of "communications" to New Business after "Invoices." Carly Scholtz moved to approve the agenda with the amendment. Roger Vanderstelt 2nd. **Motion Carries.**
4. **Review/Approval of Draft August 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes:** Carly Scholtz moved to approve the August 27, 2025 meeting minutes. Jim Walters 2nd. *Discussion: none.* **Motion carries.**
5. **Financial Report (Soldo/Bush):** Rick Soldo has updated the budget vs. actual report and presented the financial report to the board. Transaction details are current and reconciled. Rick recommended posting the reports to our website. Rick forwarded a draft of the RFP for accounting services to Stephanie Barrett, Joe Bush and Meghan for feedback. Jim Walters moved to approve the financial reports. Carly Scholtz 2nd.
Vote by roll call: **Motion Carries unanimously.**
-Discussion on RFP: Rick Soldo; we are ready to proceed with the RFP. The board agreed to send out the RFP for bids.
6. **Consultant report/Plant Control/Mechanical Harvesting Maps:** the board received a Project Work Journal from Paul Hausler with Progressive, containing the financials, treatment dates, what areas were treated, products used, and harvesting maps for potential future harvesting of wild celery. The last treatment date was August 27. The primary nuisance is the wild celery.
Discussion: Paul will add info regarding future harvesting on the website.
7. **Technical Committee Update Report (Soldo & Walters):** Jim Walters had a virtual meeting and exchanged emails regarding the goal of proceeding forward with a Watershed Management Plan. Sending out an RFP was discussed, but the Ottawa Conservation District (OCD) is already working on the components of what we would need. Since the Ottawa Conservation District is already performing many of the components of the WMP they were able to bring a proposal that has a total cost of less than 50% of our original bid from Progressive, and if the grant funding is approved then less than 15% of the original bid. Therefore it was determined that sending out an RFP to outside commercial entities would no longer be in the best interest of the board since it would not offer any hope of cost savings. The OCD proposed to complete a document for us that would be EGLE approved. We are planning on submitting an application for the Watershed Management Grant through EGLE. Jim Walters moved to accept OCD's proposal to prepare a WSMP for the Spring Lake Lake board and agree to pay a \$12,000 cash match for the Watershed Management Grant. Michelle Hazekamp 2nd. Roll call vote: **Motion Carries unanimously.**
8. **Letters of Support Status Update for WMP Grant Proposal:** Discussion by the board.
9. **New Business:**

1. Invoices: Joe Bush (Absent). Tabled to the next meeting.
 2. Communications: Chairman Brugger suggested creating a mini committee to come back with suggestions on better communication methods. A FaceBook page solely committed to posting information and making sure municipalities are being kept informed was suggested.
 - It was asked of Paul to add to the website banner a notification about not dumping leaves into the lake and add that it is state law.
 - Chairman Brugger suggested changing meeting times and/or record the meetings so more people can attend/watch.
 - Paul distributed the water quality report to the board and pointed out on page 4 that the phosphorus concentrations were reduced by 98% since the Alum treatments.
10. **Public Comment**: Sue Halter, Ann Smith, Rick Briggs.
11. **Next meeting**: November 25, 2025 at 4:00pm in the Barber Street School.
12. **Adjourn**: 5:27pm.