

## **Lake Somerset Property Owners' Association**

### **March Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**April 9th, 2026**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Dale Cousino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Call to Order:** President Dale Cousino called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

#### **Board Members Present:**

- President – Dale Cousino
- Vice President – Cher-ray Bellingar
- Secretary – Nathan Taylor
- Security – Jeff Bennett
- Water Quality – Don Tappan
- Roads – Jason Sumner
- Parks – Terry Taylor
- Building Control – Rick Meyer
- Treasurer – VACANT

#### **Board Members Absent:**

- None

#### **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

A motion was made by Cher-ray and seconded by Rick to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion carried.

#### **Officer Reports:**

- **President – Dale Cousino:** Dale made an announcement to the audience, that all questions and comments need to wait until the end of the meeting.
- **Vice President – Cher-ray Bellingar:** Cher-ray spoken to the lawyer, he is reviewing the wake boat usage issues and the sale of two lots related to a road project near US-127. More detailed legal guidance is expected within a couple of weeks.
- **Treasurer – VACANT:** The 2026 budget was finalized. All adjustments were made. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Cher-ray; all members voted yes, except for Terry.

Scott submitted a resignation letter, the board approved unanimously.

- **Security – Jeff Bennett:** Jeff reported that guards are on duty
- **Building Control – Rick Meyer:** Nothing to report, activity expected to increase with warmer weather.
- **Parks – Terry Taylor:** Terry reported that Maintenance contracts secured. Docks being installed. Playground and park equipment repairs and upgrades planned.
- **Roads – Jason Sumner:** Jason reported that 2.7 miles of road that are at safety risk for the road commission, no longer able to do anything to make them better. They proposed adding two inches of gravel on the road for the start and then pulverizing it. That would be the start before getting it paved.
- **Water Quality – Don Tappan:** Don reported that fuel budget has increased due to increase in gas prices.

## **Old Business:**

### **Boat rule**

The board discussed changing the boat-length rule from “20 feet” to “under 21 feet” based on the boat registration length. The change was debated because some existing boats slightly over 20 feet had been allowed for years, and members worried about fairness and grandfathering

A vote to change the rule did not pass because it did not reach the required two-thirds majority. Terry, Jeff, and Don Voted “No”.

The board then said boats over 20 feet would need to go through an appeal process case by case.

### **Fire hydrants and utilities**

Steve gave an update on possible dry hydrant locations that could improve fire protection and possibly help with insurance ratings. He said the township and state grant support may help fund the project, and an engineering study is needed before moving forward.

## **New Business:**

### **Community Council Update**

- Several upcoming events were outlined:
- Golf outing (April 25) with prizes and limited spots remaining.
- Wine tasting event with local winery support.
- Summer kickoff event with food trucks, DJ, raffles, and prizes.
- Music in the park and other recurring summer activities.
- Garage sale (June 13).
- Holiday party planning in progress.

**Audience Participation:**

One member raised concerns about an unsightly property with piles of wood and possible business activity at home, and the board said they would follow up.

Another member asked about the “skeleton house” on Emerald Drive and suggested organizing volunteers to clean it up instead of going to court.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Nathan Taylor, Secretary Lake Somerset Property Owners Association  
Board of Directors