

SLIA Meeting Minutes - 3/18/2026

Countryside Fire Dept

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.

Board members in attendance: Laurie MacKay, Jeremy Vale, Ed Meltzer, Sarah Owen, Kim Del Bene, Josh Erickson, Phil Moreton, Peter Lind

Approval of the February 2026 minutes, motion by Peter, seconded by Josh

Community members present: Susan Paladino, Nancy Hanson, Bridgette Duerr, Tom Powell

Member Forum:

There is an off-leash dog situation near the lake. The neighbor had their dog in their fenced-in yard and on a leash. An off-leash dog ran over to the fence of the yard. There have also been dogs off-leash in Schwerman Park.

A neighbor on Junea Terrace has easement trees that lean over his house. He asked if there were plans for the branches hanging over his home to be trimmed. Sarah was not present but we'll bring the question to her

The little libraries in the neighborhood are not in good shape. Maybe we could get some volunteers for clean-up day to fix them up.

A neighbor asked if we could set up SMS for community announcements. The board will need to research this.

President's Report

- Ed and Dan are working with our lawyer and Fremont Township's lawyers to finalize the verbiage between SLIA and the township regarding the loan for the special dam assessment. We have continued to pay our installments while the details are being finalized.

Vice President's Report

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report - P. Moreton

- We're down to about 20 outstanding assessment dues
- Our income taxes have been filed
- We have just over \$272K in our 2 accounts. There are no open invoices
- We still need to go to PNC to change the accounts and account holders with the new board positions

Lake Management Report - A. Casey

- I met with the Lake County Health Department last week and they provided some feedback on my draft Lake Management Plan. The Health Department's report on Sylvan Lake (the one they were out numerous times collecting data for last year) should be completed by the end of March. I will share it when I have it.
 - As the lake management plan is still being worked on, the board will vote on it at a later meeting to ensure it's finalized.

- One lakefront homeowner has reached out, concerned about the high level of the lake. We got a lot of precipitation over the weekend, and water was pouring out the dam when I checked yesterday, so I'm waiting to see how it levels off. Let me know if there are other concerns.
- Myself, Josh Erickson, and Jesse Paredes attended a training for the Lake County Lake Lovers water monitoring program we are participating in this year. The three of us will coordinate to test lake water samples every other week from roughly late April through October.
- The lake will be tested by community members every Wednesday starting in April.

Recreation Report - L. MacKay

- Nothing to report

Beach Report - J. Erickson

- Stakes and twine were put on the beach to keep the geese off of the sand
- Looking for a solution to the broken piers. Materials have been purchased, and we believe we can fix the piers without welding.

Parks and Easements Report - S. Owen, K. Del Bene

- The Summer Bash will be on June 5th with a campfire and a movie in the park

Unfinished Business

- A community member requested to reserve Schwerman Park for a private event. The board discussed the need to set guidelines. Insurance needs to be consulted to see if there is any SLIA liability.
 - The board has asked for details so we can make the request to our insurance

New Business

- We discussed the deck at the beach and if more work is required
- Josh will take over the administration of boat stickers
- There is a line of fence on W. Sylvan that has been blown down. The fence is owned by Countryside

Closing of meeting: Motioned by Ed, seconded by Josh

The next board meeting will tentatively be April 15,

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Vale, Secretary