

Lake of the Hills Annual Meeting 5/2/2026

President: Scott Cole

Vice President: Steve Duso (Not Present)

Treasurer: Georganne Archambault

Secretary: Elissa Lyon

Trustee: Dick Moreau

Trustee: Patrick Graham

Trustee: Beth Taylor

Call to order : Scott to call meeting to order, Elissa to second it.

Fish Report: Dick prepared the fish report. In the past 12 Years the association has planted 6300 Fish, including 37 gallons fat head minnows (10K fish going in water). Total cost \$16550. Most paid by dues to the fish fund (Donations). Typically, we order from Stoney Creek because they give us great discounts! Some of the fish planted: 1650 Hybrid planted, 800 catfish, 2180 crappie – they are up to a foot long, 1550 Walleye. Thank you Dick for continuing to monitor our fish population and our water preservation.

Secretary's Report – Elissa reviewed minutes from the last meeting of 3/14/2026.

Secretary report can be found on our website at www.lakeofthehillswedman.com

Scott accepted, Beth Seconds, approved.

Treasures Report – Georganne passed out a treasurer's report.

- Aging report. Showes who is outstanding. Had 5 paid today.
 - We are looking for a collections officer to collect dues. Scott cannot attend court if we sue anyone. Residents will usually pay if we take them to court.
- Volunteer: Darrin Lienhardt. Thanks Darrin!

Scott presentation on the dam:

In 2025 the association fixed the wall on dam. It was sprayed with to protect it into the future.

In April 2026 we almost lost our intake berm due to the unusual high rains and melting snow from the north. We had to do an emergency repair including bringing in large rocks.

There are similar situations all throughout Michigan dealing with aging dams. Many of the dams to the north of us are also deteriorating and are in poor condition. We need to make sure if those dams don't hold, ours will.

Presentation by Charles Smith: Charles works for Spicer Group out of St. Johns MI. Has been inspecting our dam for the last decade. He specifically has inspected it

twice. He inspected our dam as recent as last week. We have 6 spillways. The two center spillways are stop log walls which can be dropped fully. The two outer walls have stop logs that can be stopped half way down in times of high flow, below that is concrete. We have an inspection every 4 years from the State. It consists of 50 acres, 26.7 square miles, and the two other implements upstream.

The State of Michigan has changes in their laws concerning all the dams in the State; transitioning rain/data sets. There is a House Bill, significant to water dams pertaining to how much rain fall we get from the atmosphere and flow rates. We may have to implement an auxiliary spillway if it gets passed. He recommended reaching out to our State representatives about this issue.

History of Lake of the Hills Dam – Our dam is 58 years old this year. It was built in 1968. 2001 was our first inspection by Latham for dam safety. In 2005 Spicer Group took over inspections and has been doing the inspections since then. In 2024 a repair was done to our upstream wingwall. In 2025 stop logs were inspected and replaced. Currently our dam is Near failure. Our Lake would have drained out in the April storm event if the logs were not replaced.

In 2025 stop logs were replaced with new new oak logs. The cost was \$50K. without repair lake might have drained in April 2026 storm.

Dams are deteriorating at a faster rate. Structure stability is POOR. After this week's investigation pier 2 is recommended for repair and replacement. The North spillway wall needs repair and replacement but it is worse now than it was from the inspection in 2025. Embankment in 2021 noted signs of seepage, water traveling through. Usual sign of weakness in the earth embankment.

Pier II. Pier is failing. Stop log bays will go with it and the dam will fail. High priority fix. If not fixed, dam could collapse.

North spillway fall crack on top. High priority fix. Upstream side.

Repair cost – construction costs: Pier 140K, wall repair 171K, culvert 83k. These costs do NOT included inspection, survey, engineering, or environmental studies.

Up-stream control structure: The larger tube rotted out of the smaller tube at the intake dam. The pipe between the two rusted out the boiler plate. It has been Temporarily repaired and we are actively working with dam safety with permanent repair.

Pier II HIGH. North spillway wall HIGH.

Upstream culvert low, earth embarkment medium, no change since last inspection.

Grants: Federal government is cutting funding sources for dams. Federal government is geared toward dam removal which would restore our lake to its natural flow, a river.

Other funding sources. Part 307 Special Assessment District (through county with drain commissioner).

Special assessment district for bigger project. This is what they are doing with the Mill Pond just below our outtake dam. It is headed by the County Drain Commissioner. It establishes a special assessment district. Provides means to fund things like this. We can get loans, other sources of money, can be on taxes. Then we don't have to collect the money via dues. More mainstream. However, this takes our abilities to control our own dam away from us. If we include government, maintenance of the dam will be out of our hands and control and someone else could decide what the future looks like for our lake, including going back to its original state.

Charles contact information for Spicer group is as follows:

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He had a slide show available at the annual meeting that we are trying to get linked to our website, and/or sent to each resident via email to review.

Return to Scott Presentation.

Scott: We have until 12/31/2029 to fix the dam. Chares from Spicer said we probably don't have that long. We have 4 years to do the repairs before the next inspection, if it doesn't deteriorate before then. If we don't do the dam repairs, at the next inspection we will lose our status, our dam could possibly be taken over. Other Private dams are not doing the upkeep they need to do to stay private. Entities have recognized what we have done so far. We're trying to do the right thing with the SOM and DNR.

Intake: almost lost it. Dams above us are poor. People below us are poor. Mill pond dam may wash out. If that happens Coldwater lake will be under water. Cottages will be under water. We did an emergency repair to intake with putting extra rocks. Need to dig up and put concrete in. We have to fix that this year. We were 3 inches from going over the land (intake berm). That's how you lose the lake. This is important.

Georgianne: Budget

Current: General fund \$45K

Expenses for proposed budget. \$36K. General fund will cover with a little left over for this summer. Option Special Assessment.

Beth: Pass out ballot sheet.

EGLE was here and helped streamline the permitting. Charles said typical permit is about a year. Depends on what they tack on. Permit to repair wing wall was 4 1/2 months. Paid \$3,500 to pay for permit. Upstream in they will help pave the way.

VOTING and ELECTIONS

Dues: To be determined after votes are read

Special Assessment: To be determined after votes are read

Georganne (treasurer) and Elissa (secretary) have stepped down from the board. Janna Schaffer was elected as treasurer. Beth Taylor was elected as Secretary. Patrick Graham was elected as Vice President. Darrin Lienhardt and Kevin Barney have been elected as Trustees to our board.

Thank you to the officers that have served on the board. Thank you to the new volunteers that elected to represent our board into the future.

Thank you to all the RESIDENTS that attended our meeting. I know it was kind of a mess, but the turn out was better than we have ever had and we thank you for being a voice in this process trying to protect our lake and dam.

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Elissa Motion to close, Scott Second.