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Lake Lillinonah Authority
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Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 5, 2026

Via Zoom

7:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman S. Young started the meeting at 7:30pm.

Members Present: Chairman S. Young, 1st Vice Chairman S. Schifillitti, 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young, Treasurer B. Woerner, J. Ginnetty, C. Symes, M. Digirolamo, M. Wurtmann, K. Strobino, B. Waslenko, S. Lee, and C. Read

Absent Members: R. Johnson, K. Lee, J. Curren, and A. Strother

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by 2nd Vice Chairman V. Young, seconded by M. Digirolamo, to approve the LLA April 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Chairman S. Young introduced G. Bollard, FOTL, Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi, and R. Wininger

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairman S. Young reported receiving correspondence regarding patrol related seasonal setup, dock maintenance, and strategy meetings through email with R. Wininger and Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi regarding the meeting with FirstLight Power regarding boat funding. He also reported he received emails with regards to some lending and billing. The seasonal debris pre-season debris strategy tour of the lake is going to be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 from 3:00pm-7:00pm. Chairman S. Young stated that if anyone is interested in joining the tour, to contact him

OFFICER REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report for this meeting.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report for this meeting.

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: No report for this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer B. Woerner stated that the boats and docks are in the water. Boat related invoices have been paid. He will provide the information requested by Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi and R. Wininger.

OLD BUSINESS:

***Vacancies -** Southbury-2

***Kimberly Clark-** G. Bollard, FOTL updated the members on the Kimberly Clark PSAP deal, noting there has been no further action on the potential appeal. He also mentioned the upcoming Save the Lake Day on May 31, 2026 from 9:00am-1:00pm.

***Hydrilla –** Chairman S. Young stated that he has some brief correspondence with Matt, vendor for manual weed removal regarding the use of a harvester in areas with hydrilla population, emphasizing the need for coordination between manual weed removal and aquatic herbicide teams to avoid negative impacts.

G. Bollard, FOTL stated that the official AIS Grant has been signed. Zach from Pond and Lake has submitted the permit application. Monitoring will start very soon. He also stated a plan will be devised to keep everyone in the loop. He stated he started a thread of emails from Spencer with the concept of more awareness and education for the anglers in certain areas and ensure message is understood (not forbidding access, but raising awareness).

G. Bollard also stated that G. Walker sent out an article that he read citing that Lake Lillinonah is the clearest lake in state. He will forward the article to the members.

NEW BUSINESS:

***Re-evaluation of the Capital Reserve Fund and Asset Replacement Schedule** – R. Wininger and Marine Patrol Chief J. Puglisi have been in conversation with the LLA Executive Board and FirstLight Power talking about stepping up the specific language that speaks to how we are going to be replacing our physical assets over time. This plan will be put into formal language that will be part of the LLA Bylaws. Chairman S. Young discussed plans to formalize asset replacement strategies in the organization's bylaws, focusing on proactively managing the lifecycles and costs of physical assets such as boats, motors, docks, and patrol facilities, to include the development of permanent power at the facility. Chairman S. Young invited R. Wininger and Marine Patrol J. Puglisi to speak and provide more detailed input on developing this proactive asset replacement approach. The members discussed funding challenges for Capital replacements, particularly regarding a boat motor and docks. Chairman S. Young explained that FirstLight Power offered to contribute 50% of the cost (\$75,000) over two years (in addition to their \$15,000 contribution), the Authority would have to fund three quarters of the initial cost and seek additional funding from the towns. The members identified that dock surfaces need replacement this year, though specific costs remain unknown as they have never tracked the original purchase prices of these assets. He also stated that there is a need to develop a comprehensive plan outlining the age and replacement timeline of all fleet assets. R. Wininger discussed the boat purchase with FirstLight Power, who agreed to cover 50% of the \$150,000 cost, but would need to wait until next year's budget cycle beginning January 1st. They aligned on removing the trailer from the purchase to reduce costs, and confirmed that the boat could be powered with either Suzuki or Yamaha engines instead of Mercury to accommodate George's service capabilities at the marina. The vendor agreed to hold a placeholder in production and provide a new estimate in July for the 2027 model year, with no cost increases expected beyond a standard 3% inflation n adjustment. Chairman S. Young and R. Wininger discussed the costs for boat upgrades, including emergency lighting and decals, with the latter being the only outstanding cost item at approximately \$2,500 per boat. Options were discussed for disposing of the old boat; ie. Could be repurposed for another organization, but there would be no trade-in value with the manufacturer. Conversation also included how unspent funds in line items are handled at the end of the fiscal year. The meeting focused on boat and motor replacement planning, with members discussing appropriate lifespan estimates. Members agreed on a 15 year boat lifespan and 5 year motor lifespan, with R. Wininger noting that motor replacements are the more unpredictable expense. The members discussed establishing separate Capital Reserve Funds for boat, motor, and other asset replacements. Treasurer B. Woerner stated that he had already started setting aside money for this purpose. R. Wininger requested information about unspent budget funds to help with purchasing necessary equipment and uniforms for marine patrol officers, particularly rain gear.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

GRANT COMMITTEE: No report for this meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: M. Digirolamo provided an update on legislative committee matters, noting that the Wake Surfing Act have not progressed, while the Riparian Buffers Act passed the House and is pending in the Senate, though the Legislation sessions ends the next day.

COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: J. Ginnetty stated that there has been an influx of calls from Call-Em-All and some maintenance has been performed.

BOAT AND SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chairman S. Young stated that the docks and boats are in the water. The buoys are all in place. Porta -potties are in place and the fuel tank will arrive Thursday or Friday. Debris Tour is on

Wednesday, May 20, 2026. He also stated that he did maintenance on the docks as they were beginning to become dangerous with algae and moss buildup. He treated all of the docks with algae eater.

FISH STOCKING COMMITTEE: C. Read stated that 254 Northern Pike were stocked in Lake Lillinonah last month. The fish were stocked in the Bridgewater Town Launch and the Southbury Launch.

ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: No Other Items to be Discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by J. Ginnetty, seconded by Treasurer B. Woerner, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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