

**CLPLPOA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**April 26, 2025 (10-11:30AM)**

**Link to Website:** [Home - Crystal Lake Perch Lake Property Owners Association](#)

**Patty Maher (President)**

The meeting was called to order by Patty Maher, who led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a roll call of the trustees. All seven trustees were present.

Patty opened the floor for a discussion on approving the [minutes from the October 5, 2024 Fall Meeting](#). Grace Lieblein motioned to approve the minutes, and Denise Schlotz seconded. Patty then asked if there were any questions or clarifications needed. Hearing none, the meeting minutes were approved.

Patty highlighted the Board of Trustees' decision to use a monitor and [PowerPoint presentation](#) for the April 26, 2025 meeting, noting that it helps reduce paper usage and will be posted on the website for community members unable to attend. She emphasized the board's goal of keeping meetings informative and concise, while also allowing time for a Q&A session at the end.

Patty invited first-time attendees to stand and be recognized. Luke (and May) Sayers, along with Patricia (and Ken) Clark, were warmly welcomed by the community. Peter and Kristy Denton, as well as Jamie Clark, were also acknowledged as new members of the lake community.

Patty took a moment to honor the passing of two beloved community members, Kenny Gauci and Betty Pluto. She reminded everyone that Betty's memorial service will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025, and encouraged the community to refer to the email sent earlier this week by Amy Kochendoerfer, the secretary, for additional details.

Patty emphasized that "community engagement" continues to be a key

priority for the board. To support this, a new welcome letter for incoming lake residents is being developed by Laura Dietrich and Amy Kochendoerfer. Once finalized, the letter will be emailed to all current community members and, moving forward, to new residents as they join the lake community.

Continuing her overview, Patty shared that another key focus of the board is fiscal responsibility and being good stewards of the community's finances. She noted that Diane will provide more details on this topic, Amy will address the recruitment of new board members, and Rob will update everyone on road maintenance efforts. Patty also mentioned that preparations are underway for the upcoming SAD, which is the method used to fund lake management. She thanked Laura Dietrich for leading this important initiative and noted that further details would be shared at the summer meeting.

Patty also emphasized that maintaining our roads and ensuring the health of our lakes are key challenges the board is actively working to address. Jim Carr, who oversees the lakes, will explain the rationale behind the board's decision to hire RLS (Restorative Lake Sciences) for assistance with lake management. The primary goal is to ensure the lakes are properly cared for and to guide our decision-making on their treatment. This collaboration with RLS will be a one-time arrangement for this spring at a cost of \$5,900, which will be shared between the POA board and the lake foundation. In addition, the partnership with PLM, the company responsible for the lake's chemical treatments continues..

Jeff Greep inquired about the possibility of making RLS's involvement a recurring arrangement, perhaps every 3-5 years. Patty explained that this spring is a critical time to consult with RLS, as it coincides with the lake's blooming period. A decision on future involvement with RLS will be made after this initial collaboration. Jim Carr emphasized that developing expertise in lake management takes time, and with the turnover of board members, no one currently has the capacity to dedicate the necessary focus. Having a consultant like RLS, who works in the community's best interest, would be valuable.

Jeff Greep followed up with a question regarding RLS's affiliation with

PLM. Patty Maher clarified that while PLM and RLS frequently collaborate to manage lakes across Michigan, they are independent organizations and not formally affiliated with each other.

### **Diane Ostrosky (Treasurer)**

Diane presented the [Treasurer's Report](#) and noted that she has recently finished collecting dues for the 2024–2025 fiscal year from all lake community members. Only five individuals still have outstanding administrative dues, resulting in a shortfall of \$319. She explained that administrative costs have slightly increased this year due to higher insurance premiums, real estate taxes, expenses related to maintaining the website, postage, and costs for special events like the chili cook off and picnic. Diane also noted an unexpected overrun in the SAD, and Patty Maher assured the community that measures have been put in place to prevent this from happening in the future. Additionally, Diane mentioned the need for two repairs on the hydro sweep to keep water open on Perch Lake during the winter (to prevent fish kill). Then, Diane provided an update on the balances of our checking and savings accounts, as well as the money invested in CDs. She noted that her goal is to gradually build up funds to support the future purchase of a new grader or alternative technology for road maintenance.

A question was raised about the cost of purchasing a new grader. Rob explained that a new grader could cost around \$200,000, while a used or refurbished one typically ranges between \$57,000 and \$80,000. He also noted that the board is considering “new technology,” specifically the use of a Kubota for road maintenance. This equipment could be acquired through an outright purchase, financing, or a rent-to-own arrangement over the next 2–3 years. Rob mentioned that his team tested the Kubota last year and found it to be a promising option. Patty Maher reassured the community that residents will have an opportunity to provide input before any final decision is made.

Finally, Diane outlined the time-consuming process of collecting dues, which begins with multiple reminder emails to help reduce costs. If there's no response, a hard copy is sent several months later, followed by phone

calls, and eventually certified letters—which cost \$7 each. If all efforts fail, a lien is placed on the property. Diane noted that about 33 to 35 members, or 22% of all POA members, typically require this level of follow-up, making the process quite labor-intensive. Laura Dietrich commended Diane’s dedication, especially given that she handles all of this as a volunteer.

### **Rob Shier (Roads)**

Rob expressed his gratitude to the roads crew by name, highlighting their incredible dedication. He shared a story from earlier that morning, when a call went out at 6:00 AM about a few washed-out spots—by 6:05, two crew members had already responded, asking where the issue was and when they should head out.

Rob reported that the April road clean-up was completed, noting it was necessary due to a challenging winter marked by frequent temperature fluctuations that took a toll on the roads. He then reviewed his budget, explaining that his numbers differ slightly from Diane’s as he still has a few receipts pending reimbursement.

Rob reviewed the past 7 years of cost for roads and presented the top 4 highest dollar expenses. The top 4 are Winter roads plow/salt, Dust control, Gravel addition & Grader Maintenance. Rob explained the biggest variable cost on the roads budget is the winter roads plow/salt. This cost can vary significantly \$1,900yr to \$8,000yr—depending on the severity of the weather. This year, \$4,776 was spent for winter management which represents 15% of the overall budget.

Rob also noted that he secured three-year contracts for 4 applications of dust control, mowing and winter roads management. He targeted timing of application with major holidays (highest traffic)—Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Costs were reduced by limiting the number of truck loads due to going with a single pass strategy. He personally rode along in the cab during the dust control application to direct the driver on where and when to treat the roads.

Looking ahead, Rob plans to have five truckloads of gravel delivered this spring and another ten in the fall to continue building up the roads. He acknowledged that maintenance costs remain high but shared that the community has saved a significant amount by performing its own preventative maintenance. We also used expertise out of Lansing for the primary hydraulic pump seal which was a major grader repair.

Rob continued by outlining current initiatives, including raising the road on the causeway, which has been eroding into the lakes, and addressing concerns on “south west Perch Lake hill,” where delivery trucks in winter have been sliding due to severe angle of roads and slippery conditions. He also pointed out that built-up leaves are obstructing proper drainage in this problem area and he encouraged homeowners to use compost vs blocking drainage areas with yard debris.

Rob then turned his attention to the community compost site, kindly asking residents to place leaves and debris *behind* the sign, as dumping in front makes maintenance more difficult. Some community members explained that muddy conditions often prevent them from doing so. Rob said he understands the challenge but still encouraged everyone to follow the guideline when possible.

He also mentioned that the French drain near the “Y” needs to be cleared after July 1 new fiscal year. This drain is clogged with roots/mud and will need to be cleaned.

A community member suggested using a map at future meetings to visually highlight road problem areas. The idea was well-received and will be implemented at the next meeting.

Another community member shared a concern on behalf of Don Cole, who couldn't attend the meeting. Don was worried about the dead trees at the east end of the Perch Lake launch and wondered if the area could be cleared out. Rob responded that one tree had already been cut down in that area and he hadn't realized there was additional debris. He thanked the member for raking and helping to clean up, and will follow up with Don to address this opportunity.

## **Amy Kochendoerfer (Secretary)**

Amy announced that the next community meeting will take place on Saturday, July 12, followed by the annual picnic at McCourtie Park.

She also mentioned that the next newsletter, along with the agenda for the summer meeting, will be sent out around July 1 and posted on the website for easy access.

Amy shared a chart outlining trustee terms, noting that Patty Maher has agreed to extend her term by one year, Diane Ostrosky by three years, and that Linda McCracken will be relocating out west. As a result, her seat on the Board will become available in July. Amy encouraged any interested community members to speak with Linda McCracken after the meeting or reach out to a board member with questions. Elections for the Board will be held at the annual meeting in July.

Lastly, Amy noted that some emails have been bouncing back. She asked everyone to notify her or Diane Ostrosky if they've changed their email address, and to check in with neighbors to ensure they're receiving communications.

## **Laura Dietrich (Vice-President)**

Laura mentioned that in the past, a three-ring binder was given to new members when they moved in. However, this practice was discontinued a few years ago. The current board is now transitioning to emailing new members a welcome letter as part of our efforts to engage the community. The letter, which is being developed by Laura and Amy Kochendoerfer, will be emailed to all community members within the next 2-3 weeks and will be sent to new residents going forward.

Next, Laura turned her attention to the SAD. She provided a brief history, explaining that in the past, residents voluntarily contributed money for lake maintenance. However, contributions varied—some gave the requested amount, others gave more, and some didn't contribute at all, making the process inconsistent. To address this, the board implemented the SAD in 2021 to collect funds for lake maintenance, creating a more equitable

system. Unfortunately, the SAD only lasts for five years, and expires in 2026.

Laura addressed overrun, noting that new record-keeping practices by the trustees and Somerset Township will prevent this issue from occurring in the future. The books will now be regularly compared to ensure accuracy. She shared data from the [SAD Costs Report](#), highlighting that the SAD currently collects \$19,320 annually. She then broke down the SAD revenues and expenditures by lake.

Laura also mentioned that some of the information we receive from RLS may be incorporated into the SAD, which is one of the reasons for collaborating with them this spring, ahead of the SAD renewal. She read through [frequently asked questions and their responses](#) about the SAD, noting that this information is available on the website. Additionally, she introduced her committee members.

Lois Plantefaber added that the SAD actually reduces costs for individual homeowners, as the previous recommended donation was \$175, but now, with everyone contributing, less money is needed from each homeowner for lake management.

Gail shared that, in addition to contributing to lake management, some community members had been giving extra funds to help maintain the shorelines.

### **Jim Carr (Lakes)**

Jim began by thanking the board, particularly Patty Maher and Laura Dietrich, for helping him get acclimated to his new role. He shared that the established lake committee has been an invaluable resource, providing him with background on the historical treatment of the lakes.

He then introduced his committee, noting that he has made a genuine effort to ensure representation from both lakes. Additional members are welcome to join.

Jim reiterated the promising potential of working with RLS and PLM to maintain healthy lakes, assuring the community that we are taking the right

steps, such as using systemic chemicals for treatment in the future, where applicable.

Laura added that RLS conducts a scientific analysis of the lakes, which is why their services come at a higher cost. However, Jim pointed out that RLS expects to reduce chemical costs by 30-50% by strategically applying treatments where and when they are needed. While systemic treatments are more expensive upfront, they have a longer-term impact on controlling invasive species.

Laura also mentioned that RLS will recommend more affordable, generic applications when possible. Additionally, systemic treatments are not as harmful to fish or humans, which is a significant benefit. RLS will conduct a survey to assess the types of vegetation in the lakes, determine the appropriate treatments, identify where and when treatments are needed, and calculate the correct dosage and timing.

Jim plans to meet with his counterpart on Lake Leann, who also works with both RLS and PLM for lake maintenance, for guidance. He will also accompany RLS on the boat as they conduct the survey. Jim mentioned that they plan to treat the channel and address milfoil and algae in the coming months.

Rick Applegate commended the board and Jim for making an excellent choice in hiring RLS. Jim, however, deferred the credit to the foundation committee, which initially offered to cover the entire cost of RLS services. The board, however, decided to share the expense.

Jeff Greep inquired as to whether the board planned to seek additional bids for lake treatment rather than continuing with PLM by default each year. Patty Maher responded that the board does intend to pursue competitive bids next year and has already identified a potential alternative. However, she emphasized that PLM is a well-established company with a solid reputation, serving both large and small lakes across the region.

**AnnamarieSnyder (Lake Foundation)**

Ann Marie began by reminding the community that not all vegetation in the lake is harmful—some play an important role in maintaining a healthy aquatic ecosystem. The goal of the current lake and shoreline efforts is not to eliminate all vegetation but to support a balanced and thriving lake environment.

She went on to explain the purpose of the shoreline restoration initiative, which aims to improve lake health by creating natural buffer zones along the shoreline. Based on guidance from RLS, the foundation identified this as a highly effective strategy for long-term lake sustainability. A new shoreline restoration project is currently underway at the Crystal Lake launch, where native vegetation is being introduced.

To support this effort, the Lake Foundation is organizing a native plant fundraiser. Because the foundation is a nonprofit, it receives wholesale pricing—most plants cost approximately \$2.40. The foundation may make about \$1 per plant, although more specialized or rare varieties will be sold at cost. In this way, every purchase contributes directly to lake restoration efforts. An email with more details will be sent via the secretary, but in the meantime, residents are encouraged to visit [wildtypeplants.com](http://wildtypeplants.com) to view plant options. Orders should be submitted to Ann Marie by May 7, and flats of plants will be purchased based on demand. In response to a question from Chuck Fifield, Annamarie confirmed that aquatic irises are included in the plant offerings.

Annamarie also shared that she recently led a training session on creating healthy, natural shorelines and offered to meet one-on-one with anyone who missed it. Additional handouts and resources are available on the back table for those interested in learning more.

In Dave Vanderworp's absence, Annamaria provided an update on the foundation, encouraging community members to visit the foundation's section of the website to learn more about its mission: raising funds and supporting projects that promote the long-term health and sustainability of the lakes. She invited residents to share ideas for lake-wide improvements that could benefit the broader community. Annamarie also shared the current balances of the foundation's three funds: the General Fund, the Stan Kirkwood Memorial Fund, and the Fishing Committee Fund.

She noted that foundation members Dave Vanderworp and Tom Dyjach are currently attending a lake management conference and that the educational materials available on the back table were gathered by Dave Vandeworp at similar events. Additionally, she announced that the foundation is now supporting MiCorps water quality monitoring efforts. While Perch Lake has not been regularly tested in the past, Tom Dyjach has volunteered to begin monitoring it this year. This includes testing for water clarity, oxygen levels, and other environmental indicators.

Annamarie also highlighted a few ongoing fundraisers. Handmade birdhouses crafted by Dave's grandson are available for \$20, and a 50/50 raffle is taking place during the meeting, with the winner drawn at the end. For larger projects, the foundation is prepared to launch direct mail fundraising campaigns. She closed by encouraging all community members—especially new ones—to consider joining the foundation. There are no term limits or formal requirements, and everyone is welcome to get involved.

### **Linda McCracken (Special Projects/Community Events)**

Linda began by sharing that her work with the community feels bittersweet, as she and Mac McCracken are preparing to move out west this summer. She expressed how much they've cherished being part of the lake community and how special it's been to see everyone come together at events.

Looking ahead to the annual summer picnic, Linda reminded everyone that a volunteer sign-up sheet is available and reassured the group that the event will go on rain or shine, as both McCourtie Park and the Township Hall have been reserved. However, since she and Mac McCracken will be gone by then, she is hoping someone will step forward to take over organizing the picnic.

Linda said she would love to see the picnic return to the feel of an old-fashioned community gathering (with grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, and watermelon) and encouraged someone to step up as chair. While there's always a team of volunteers willing to help on the day of the event, a dedicated chairperson is needed to lead the planning. Patty

Maher added that anyone willing to chair/co-chair the picnic is welcome and that doing so doesn't require running for a board position. The event is well-supported by community members, so chairs/co-chairs will not be alone in managing it.

Linda also noted that in addition to the picnic, there are several recurring community events like the chili cook-off, flotillas, and fundraisers. She encouraged anyone interested in taking on future events or getting involved to stop by her shed, where she keeps the materials and supplies for these gatherings.

Patty Maher added that as Linda and Mac McCracken prepare to move in June, their departure will also leave an open board seat. She invited anyone interested in learning more about serving on the board or in leadership roles to step forward, especially with elections coming up in the summer.

### **Patty Maher (President)**

Before adjourning, Patty opened the floor for any old or new business. Gail Diver asked about the date for the Township Cleanup Day, which will be held on May 3rd from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Township Hall. Residents can bring items for disposal (except tires) to the event. Denise Schlotz was thanked for providing the details, and residents were encouraged to contact the Township for further information.

Patty also reminded everyone about the Earth Day celebration at McCourtie Park happening today. The event featured a nature walk earlier, and food trucks are available for lunch, along with other activities at the park.

Dave inquired about the condition of the weir dam, and it was confirmed that the dam is in good condition. Terry Yamarino has been faithfully keeping it well-maintained, with the most recent cleaning done this spring. However, beavers continue to build in the area, requiring ongoing maintenance, and any extra help is always appreciated. The community also expressed their gratitude to Terry for managing the launch codes.

Mary Anne Johnson raised a concern about a poorly maintained property near South Crystal Drive. Patty clarified that the board does not have jurisdiction over private property conditions because there are no deed restrictions in place. However, she encouraged residents to bring their concerns, specifically regarding lot #22, to the Township Board. She noted that if enough residents attend the Township meetings and express their concerns, it could lead to potential changes. Township meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. Rob Shier also mentioned that he had spoken with the property owner referred to, but there were no guarantees regarding property maintenance.

Annamarie then conducted the 50/50 raffle drawing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rachel Massey and seconded by Dick Johnson. The meeting was adjourned.



# Crystal Lake - Perch Lake

## Property Owners Association

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**April 26, 2025 10:00 AM**  
**Somerset Township Hall**

# Welcome & President's Report

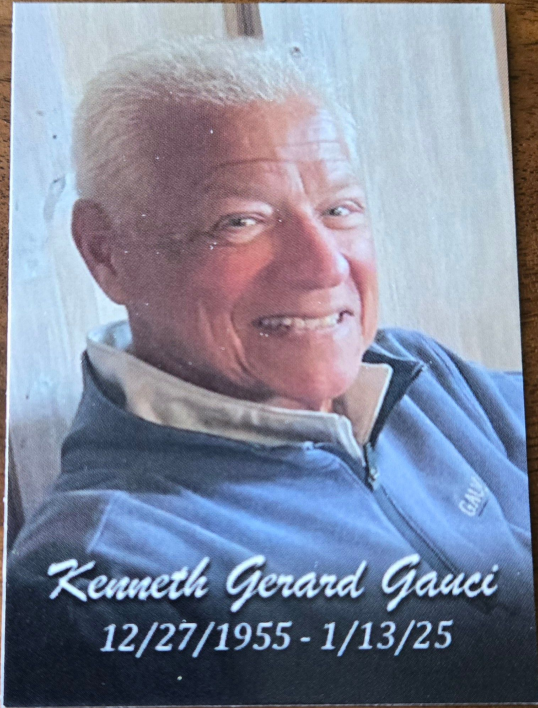
## (Patty Maher)

- ▶ Overview and Roll Call
- ▶ Approval of fall meeting minutes (October 5, 2024)
- ▶ Keep the meetings informative and short; time for Q&A
  - ▶ Use newsletters (fall and summer) for detail
- ▶ Significant work summarized by Board and Foundation Members
- ▶ Continue seeking membership input on key topics

# Hellos and Goodbyes

## New Owners in the Community

New Owners	Lake	Previous Owners
Jamie Clark	Crystal	Carolyn Driscoll
Ken & Patricia Clark	Perch	Bob & Cindy Conn
Peter & Kristy Denton	Perch	Mary Lou Suarez
Luke & May Sayers	Crystal	Rich & Linda Barish



*Kenneth Gerard Gauci*  
12/27/1955 - 1/13/25



# Most Significant Topics and Challenges

- ▶ Maintaining the health of our lakes - for all uses
  - ▶ Boat, Fish, Swim, Paddle, and Beauty!
- ▶ Keeping within our current annual budget constraints
  - ▶ Navigating rising prices in uncertain times
  - ▶ Financial Control process in place on the Board
- ▶ Community Engagement & Effective Communications
  - ▶ Grow through community events

# Most Significant Topics & Challenges 2

- ▶ Preparing considerations for future SAD (Special Assessment District) to fund lake management.
- ▶ Keeping our roads in good shape and grow our savings for future expected/ planned replacement of our machinery (i.e., road grader).
- ▶ Recruiting for Board ... summer elections.

# Treasurer's Report

## (Diane Ostrosky)

- ▶ Collection of POA fees completed for 24/25 Fiscal year.
- ▶ ALL members, except one, have paid Road dues in full. Thank You!!
- ▶ All but 5 property owners owing only Administrative dues have paid.
- ▶ Financial Update ([insert hyperlink Treasurer's Rpt](#))

# Collecting POA Payments

- ▶ POA Fees are approved by the membership at the Annual Meeting
  1. Invoices Emailed or mailed (if no Email address)
  2. Second Email reminder to those who have not responded
  3. Third reminder sent via USPS
  4. Attempt to contact by phone or in person
  5. Certified letter sent - Final Notice of Unpaid Dues
  6. Lien placed for unpaid Road Dues (30 days after Final Notice)
- ▶ Approximately 22% (or ~33 members) fall into steps 2-6
- ▶ Cost is approximately \$7.00 ea. at the Final Notice stage
- ▶ Encourage everyone to send in payments in a timely manner. Thank you!

# Secretary Report

(Amy Kochendoerfer)

- ▶ **Summer Membership Meeting** - Saturday, July 12 at 10 AM
- ▶ **Picnic** -Saturday, July 12 (following Summer Membership Meeting at McCourtie Park)
- ▶ **Summer Newsletter** - Released around July 1
- ▶ **Trustee Terms** 
  - ▶ Diane offered to run for another term
  - ▶ Patty offered to run for a 1-year extension on term
  - ▶ Vacancy - Linda's departure (We will miss you!)

Trustee Position	Trustee	Term Duration	Term Ends
President	Patty	1-year	2025
Vice-President	Laura	3-year	2026
Secretary	Amy	3-year	2027
Treasurer	Diane	3-year	2025
Roads	Rob	3-year	2027
Lakes	Jim	3-year	2027
Special Projects	Linda	3-year	2027

# Secretary Report

(Amy Kochendoerfer)

- ▶ **Email Communication Issues**
  - ▶ Emails bouncing back
  - ▶ Update email if it has changed
  - ▶ Ask neighbors if they're getting my emails

CLPLsecretary@gmail



# Special Projects Report

## (Linda McCracken)

- ▶ Community Engagement via our special events.
- ▶ Summer Picnic Committee -- Sign Up Sheets
  - ▶ McCourtie Park(July 12<sup>th</sup>)
  - ▶ Need a chair/Co-Chairs
- ▶ Opening on the Board
  - ▶ Special Projects / Community Engagement Role

# Vice President's Report (Laura Dietrich)

- ▶ Special Assessment District ([current costs](#))  
[ link not correct. Get Final Version]
- ▶ Updated FAQ ([insert hyperlink here](#))

# CLPL Association Roads

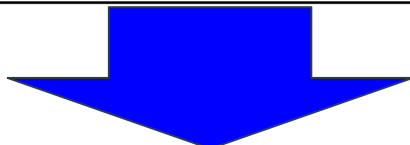
(Robert Shier)

- ▶ The Road Crew - Thank you !!!!
  - ▶ Frank, Rick, Terry, Rob and Tim (ad hoc)
- ▶ Spring cleanup scheduled for first week in April -- **COMPLETE**
- ▶ Rake road gravel back to road – **COMPLETE**
- ▶ Clean up entrance ways -- **COMPLETE**



# CLPL YTD Road Budget 24/25

Budget	\$32,100
Actual YTD	<u>\$24,350</u>
	\$7,750
Expected spend to July 1	<u>\$4,000</u>
<b>*Contingency*</b>	\$3,750
<b>**Contingency critical for future road equipment purchase**</b>	



<b>Now until July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
Diesel fuel	(500)
5 loads Gravel (\$400/load)	(2000)
Roadside Mowing	(400)
2 Hyd. Hose Repair	(600)
Misc. Supplies (oil, filters, hand cleaner)	(500)

**\*\*INFORMATION ONLY\*\***

	<b>Road Top 4 Costs</b>	<b>7yr Range</b>
#1- Winter plow & salt	<b>\$4776</b>	(\$1900 to \$8460)
#2- Dust Control (4 app.)	<b>\$4160</b>	(\$3500 to \$5700)
#3- Gravel(\$400 per load)	<b>\$4000</b>	(\$ 750 to \$3500)
#4- Maintenance (24/25)	<b>\$7475</b>	(\$4100 to \$10668)

**24/25 YTD Cost Savings**

#1/ Maintenance (**\$5800 +**) \*\* Completing 2 hyd pump repairs (both internally & externally)

#2/ Dust Control (**\$2200**) \*\* Reduce 1 truck load & negotiate carryover

# CLPL Roads Project Status

## Gravel Additions (Before July 1<sup>st</sup>)

- Crystal launch rebuild with slight crown & water relief.
- Rebuild & lift road on Island entrance & Perch West hill

## Improvement Projects (After July 1<sup>st</sup>)

- Wash out phase II on Crystal/Perch split.
- Water Relief drain clean out Crystal South. (French Drain)

## Longterm Cost (LT)

- Repair and/or Rebuild Linkage, Alignment & Hyd Drive **(est \$4500)**
- Minimize Grader run time to “must do only” \*\* Resident support with compost\*\*

# CLPL Members Support

## **MEMBERS SUPPORT REQUIRED!!**

*The compost area will not be pushed back as frequently as before due to increased wear and tear on our grader as well as volunteer time.*

*\*\*Please ensure you manage your yard debris appropriately and when using compost area push debris as far back towards South Jackson Road as possible.*



*\*\*Please keep in mind that members can do their part by keeping their road frontage clear, reporting minor issues before they become major and helping maintain drainage areas along their roadside property.*

*\*\*Please do your part and follow the speed limit of 15 miles per hour to help with dust control and hazard awareness.*



# Lakes Report

(Jim Carr)

- ▶ Thank yous ... all around!
  - ▶ Board Members and Volunteers
- ▶ Lake Advisory Committee:
  - ▶ Annamarie Asher
  - ▶ Elizabeth LaPorte
  - ▶ Wayne Snyder
  - ▶ Dave Vanderworp

# Lakes Report 2

- ▶ Maintaining healthy lakes for all purposes.
- ▶ Protecting the environment and aesthetics of the lakes.
- ▶ Ensuring long term viability of the lakes.
- ▶ Communication and collaboration with CLPL Foundation.

# Tentative Treatment Plan, 2025

- ▶ Perch Lake:
  - ▶ Spring assessment (late April/early May)
  - ▶ Address Milfoil (May)
  - ▶ Algae treatment, if needed (June)
- ▶ Crystal Lake:
  - ▶ Spring assessment (late April/early May)
  - ▶ Back Canals (May)
  - ▶ Address Milfoil (late May/early June)
  - ▶ Algae treatment, if needed (June)

# Moving Forward

- ▶ Possible collaboration with Restorative Lake Sciences
- ▶ Special Assessment District (2027-2031)
  - ▶ Co-chair committee

# Lake Foundation Board Report

## (Annamarie Asher)

- ▶ Mission: To receive and administer funds for the preservation of Crystal and Perch lakes, and for the education and public welfare of lake property owners.
- ▶ Finances: Current bank balance is \$16,920.21

General fund:	\$8170.48
Fishing funds:	\$6263.45
Stan Kirkwood fund:	\$2486.28

# Supported Activities & Initiatives

- ▶ Michigan Lakes & Streams Association (MLS) Conference
- ▶ MiCorps (Michigan Clean Water Corps) - water data quality collection & monitoring
- ▶ Shoreline restoration project at boat launch
- ▶ Future Plans:
  - ▶ Seeking other projects to fund which will help our lakes & shoreline
- ▶ Current fundraiser: Plant sale, Birdhouse sale, and today's 50/50 raffle

# Shoreline Restoration Initiative

- ▶ Purpose: To promote healthy lake environment by creating a buffer zone
- ▶ Michigan Shoreland Stewardship program
  - ▶ [www.mishorelandstewards.org](http://www.mishorelandstewards.org)
- ▶ Self evaluation of individual shorelines
- ▶ Plans to support CLPL shoreline restoration efforts

# Wrap Up

- ▶ Old Business
- ▶ New Business
- ▶ Adjournment (motion)
  
- ▶ **See you:** July 12th Annual Meeting (Twp Hall)  
and Picnic (McCourtie Park)