

LAKE CHAFFEE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

LCIA Board Meeting Minutes – DRAFT – July 9, 2025

Date of Meeting: July 9, 2025 - This meeting was held at Pirzl Hall.

Board Members:

Marty Connors (P)	Tom Martin (VP)	Chris Fyler (T)	Linda Roy (S)
Seth Kaufman (R)	Gerald Dufresne (R)	Mike Panek (R)	Mary Griffin (R)
Carol Natitus (R)	Kay Warren (Alt)		

Board Members Absent: Lynn Fontaine (R), Michael Paine (Alt), Bill Cameron (Alt)

Public in Attendance: Toni Guerin, Phil Silverstein, Irwin Krieger

- 1. Call to Order/Seating of Alternates:** Meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Marty Connors. No alternates were needed.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Time was allowed for reading of the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike, seconded by Jerry, approved by unanimous voice vote with abstention by Carol Natitus
- 3. Public Comments:** Irwin reported that the P&Z will have a meeting about Rural Development Districts on July 14 at 7:00 PM. This will include the property just north of 84 which could be of interest to the LCIA since it is close by. The meeting is accessible via Zoom with the link that is on the agenda posted at the P&Z website. He suggests anyone who might attend should go to Keepashfordrural.net and view the critique presented by this group. Toni requested that the Board consider new ordinances about catch and release, and private floats on the lake. Tom told her that this could certainly be considered. She also suggested that the geese problem be addressed since the numbers have increased and will be even larger next year. She was informed that this is already on the budget to be handled in 2026.
- 4. Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Mike made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Tom seconded, passed unanimously with one abstention: Chris Fyler.
- 5. Remarks by the President:** Marty had no remarks at this point.
- 6. Correspondence:** There has been a second complaint about parking on Oak Drive. This will be discussed further under Old Business. Linda explained a letter she wrote to the Board officers addressing the following safety concerns that were observed over the July 4th weekend: removal of the fence and sign blocking access to Swing Island, kayakers leaving Main Beach through the swim area, and fireworks being launched from Mothers Beach and the debris left behind. Jerry said he would look at moving the tree on Swing Island so no need to replace the barrier. Mary spoke about cutting back plant

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growth along the shore at Main Beach to allow boat access. The debris at Mothers Beach has been moved to the side away from the beach area by two anonymous people.

Mike reminded the Board that we were to discuss responding to the letter that was received from the Inland Wetlands and Waterways Commission in reference to the issue of sand deposited into the lake at 73 Lakeview Drive. After much discussion, it was decided that Marty would write a letter, get a copy to the Board members for review by July 20, and that Mike would reach out about having this matter on the IWW Agenda for their August 5th meeting. Mike plans to attend that meeting to represent the Board.

Tom received correspondence referencing a dangerous washout on Westford Drive. The matter was discussed during the roads report.

7. Chairperson's Reports:

- a. **Boat Launch and Boat Dock:** (Jerry Dufresne) – Jerry will continue to mow the boat launch as needed. He also will remove dead or diseased trees from the woods to allow for healthy trees to grow, eliminating the need to clean falling debris.
- b. **Constable:** (Jerry Dufresne) – There were several complaints about fireworks on the Lake Chaffee Community facebook page. Mike mentioned that his wife was approached by a stranger as she drove down Old Town Road. He asked her to give him a ride to the other side of the lake. She drove away after refusing. He wants everyone to remain vigilant.
- c. **Beaches – Main & Mothers:** (Liz Provencher, Mary Griffin) – Mary reported that Main Beach has several severe washouts. A resident has offered to help do the repair. The Board gave approval for this and she will coordinate with him. She will also see if he can do something to help remove the grasses along the shoreline. Mike said to be sure to close the beach off while the work is being done to eliminate the potential for injury. Mary also reports that the amount of goose droppings is tremendous this year and that she has been cleaning it for the past several days. Mary would like to purchase a stainless-steel ladder for the raft rather than have someone build a new wooden one. Jerry made a motion to approve spending the money to purchase the ladder, Mike seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- d. **Dam:** (no Chairperson) – Jerry will take care of adding stone to the embankment as soon as that area has dried out enough for him to drive on the property. Linda mentioned there is much plant growth on the dam which needs to be addressed.
- e. **Environmental Chairperson:** (Ralph Sherman) – Ralph was not present. The water test results were noted as good and are posted to the website.
- f. **Roads:** (no Chairperson) – A survey of the roads was undertaken by Phil and Marty. Phil presented a map of the problems noted and informed the Board that he has sent everyone an email with comments about the conditions of each of the 15 roads. It was suggested by Mike Panek that the Board make a plan for improvement

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of all roads by researching the possibility of a bond or loan. He will work with Phil on this, including obtaining quotes from a few companies. They will present their findings at a future meeting. In the meantime, Tom will work with Greg Peck to do the necessary immediate repairs to Westford Drive and Union Drive which are deemed to be in the worst, nearly impassable condition, especially for emergency vehicles. Phil has also offered to be Road Chairperson for the coming year if approved by the Board.

g. Fund Raising: (Mary Griffin) – Mary is planning for the Poker Run on July 19 from 10AM-1PM. She has the necessary number of stops and will promote it and a 50/50 raffle for that day. She has also had interest shown for a Flea Market in the fall. She will work to find a date and move forward with a plan.

h. Tax Collection: (Mike Panek & Tom Martin) – Nothing to report.

i. Hall: (Lynn Fontaine) – No report.

j. Website: (Linda Roy) – Linda suggested this be removed from the committees. Mike made a motion and Tom seconded its removal, which passed unanimously.

8. Old Business: The matter of illegal parking on Oak Drive was discussed at length. After attending a meeting with the First Selectwoman and a representative from Troop C of the State Police, Mary and Tom offered their suggestions. The Board agreed to do what was recommended. A “Parking for Emergency Vehicles Only” sign will be placed on the fence at Mothers Beach during a ceremony attended by the First Selectwoman and a representative from Troop C in the near future. The Board hopes that this, along with fines, will deter parking, which prevents easy access to the beach from Oak Drive and blocks emergency vehicles from accessing the end of the road.

9. New Business: Marty will meet with Tom to discuss the process for the election meeting. It was determined that Committee Chairs are appointed by the Board from those who volunteer. A discussion was held about what happens if any officer roles are not filled during an election. There is no specific plan but the Board will do what is necessary should this ever be the case. Some board members are working to prevent this for the upcoming election.

10. Adjournment: Jerry moved to adjourn at 9:15 with Tom seconding.