

**HEALTH OF HIGGINS LAKE
STEERING COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES
2997 E. HIGGINS LAKE DRIVE
ROSCOMMON, MI 48653**

WHEN: Tuesday, October 21, 2025
PLACE: Gerrish Township Municipal Center
PURPOSE: Regular Meeting

Call to Order: 6.00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Biggar present, Booser present, Teisen Zoom, Walker absent, Ostling present

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Biggar, supported by Booser that the agenda for the October 21, 2025 be approved.
The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Booser, supported by Biggar that the minutes be approved as presented.
The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion by Biggar, supported by Booser that the Sub-Committee Reports be approved.
The Sub-Committee Reports were unanimously approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AGENDA ITEMS;

Old Business

Watershed Management Plan update – Received information too late to apply for grants this year.
We will have a plan and will apply for grant next year.

Public Comment: Kathy and George Currier asked about Honolulu Beach changing sand conditions near shore.

New Business

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Science: Gibson discussed the eight problems the Science committee is working on by gathering data, reviewing data, analyzing data and will have public report following the investigations. The eight problems that are being addressed are Near Shore Water Quality, Invasive Species, Groundwater and Drinking Water Contamination, Watershed Quality, Changing Fisheries, Deep Water Quality, Increasing Recreational Activities on the Lake and Non-nutrient contamination.
2. Communication: Gelderbloom reports they are sending out two emails a month as an outreach to the community about the progress of the Health of Higgins Lake sub-committees. The Ripple Effect email contains committee specific information and the Reflection email contains bits and pieces of every committee. Committee is also working on increasing their email lists. The committee had a booth at the Fireman's Memorial for community outreach.
3. IT:
Funding: Panyard reports training has been completed for Nextcloud. Panyard reports they are working on a donation button on the website and looking ahead to applying for grants once projects are more complete.

4. Roads: O'Rourke reports road end data collecting is almost complete in Lyon Township and Gerrish Township with the help of volunteers from Lyon Township and the Road End Committee. A report will be prepared and collaboration with Roscommon Road Commission will be the next step to make improvements to the road ends. It is hopeful there will be grants available to help with the costs. Public Comment: Nancy Lamb asked when will the report be ready for the public to view. O'Rourke said soon.

5. Septic: Ostling reports they have met with the Health Department are working with us to draft a Septic Ordinance.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Ostling, supported by Biggar that the Board adjourn at 8:05 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jim Ostling, Interim Chair