

Health of Higgins Lake – Steering Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting

2997 E. Higgins Lake Drive

Roscommon, MI 48653

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Biggar present, Booser Zoom, Chaney present, Teisan Zoom, Walker present

Changes to the Agenda – Ostling removed from Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Biggar, Supported by Chaney to approve the Agenda for January 20, 2026 as amended.

Motion carried.

Approval of December 16, 2025 Minutes

Motion by Chaney, Supported by Biggar to approve the December 16, 2025 minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

Public Comments – None

EGLE Grant Update

Catherine Voigt from the Finance Committee reported they worked with all the committees to see what their needs were. The Finance Committee submitted a proposal on December 10, 2025. They asked for the maximum request of \$40,000. We should hear in the fall if we receive the grant with funds available in the new fiscal year.

Septic Ordinance Draft

Ostling reports the Septic Committee has completed a draft of the Septic Ordinance. The draft will be sent to the Steering Committee to review. After reviewing, the Steering Committee will send it to the Gerrish Township Board to review. The Gerrish Township Board will review with possible changes. After the Gerrish Township Board is satisfied with the ordinance, they will send it to the Planning Commission to review. The final step is back to the Gerrish Township Board to finalize the ordinance. The Steering Committee will hold a special meeting on February 3 for a review.

Sub Committee Reports

1. Science – Gibson
2. Communications – Gelderbloom
 - a. Ripple Effects
 - b. Review of Online Content – Marty Barta discussed questions posed on Online Content
 - c. Instagram account probable in the future, Winterfest presence possibility, Association meeting presence in the plan for this year
3. Septic – Ostling

Short Term Rental Draft

Discussion of impact Short Term Rentals have on the Health of Higgins Lake.

Public Comments

Patty Dennis has shirts and sweatshirt for HOH available for sale.

Next Regular Steering Committee is February 17, 2026

New Steering Committee member is needed. Application is on Gerrish Township website.

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Biggar, Supported by Chaney to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Motion carried.

Jennie Walker, Chairperson Date

Jolie Booser, Secretary Date