

WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

HEALTH OF HIGGINS LAKE - STEERING COMMITTEE

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Thursday, April 30, 2026, 4PM

CALL TO ORDER: 4:06 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Biggar present, Booser present, Chaney present, Fisher present, Teisen Zoom, Walker present

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Additions to New Business for a Motion to Approve an Instagram account, Road End report discussion and Septic Support Document

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES EACH): NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

- ☐ Press Release – Updates from the Communications Committee. Discussion of HOHL committee projects and funding needs. Sue Gelderbloom reports they have sent press releases to a variety of different places. Sue and Don Chaney would like to get some personal contacts in the legislature to send out updates on our progress and goals of the HOHL.
- ☐ HL Watershed Management Plan - Review and assess HLWMP update needs, and develop an implementation plan - Jim Ostling contacted EGLE and it is recommended that we do an update as it may increase our opportunity for funding. Jennie Walker suggested we contact members of the last Management Plan for information they might have to help us go forward with a new plan.
- ☐ Steering Committee Collaboration with Subcommittees – Agreement was made by members of Steering Committee to attend some of the subcommittee meetings
 - Communications – Sue Gelderbloom, Chair
 - IT – Ed Panyard, Chair
 - Road End/Fertilizer – Tim O’Rourke, Chair reports there are 87 road end locations. Documents were provided to show data collected for five sample sites. The next step the subcommittee will take is to meet with Road Commission to discuss what can be done to improve the road ends and how it will be financed. The subcommittee would like to work with the Science committee to test the water at the road end sites. The committee is also researching fertilizer ordinances from other townships, cities and counties for input on what can be done.
 - Science – Brad Gibson reports the Science committee has many subcommittees and should have some interim reports as the summer progresses. These reports are in a draft status until they are finalized and submitted for approval by Steering Committee. After documents are final, they will be available on our website.
 - Septic – Jim Ostling, Chair presented a summary document of why we need a Septic Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ☐ Committee Project Reports – Discussion of procedures for subcommittee project reports submission, routing and storage.
- ☐ Calendars and Timelines – Discussion of procedures to track subcommittee meetings and project timelines. Ed will investigate developing a calendar for meetings and a timeline for projects on Nextcloud.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 2026 MONTHLY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

Motion by Biggar, supported by Chaney to Approve April 2026 Monthly Subcommittee Reports and forwarded to Gerrish Township Board Members to review.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO REQUEST INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

Motion by Biggar, supported by Booser to request approval from the Township Board to develop an Instagram account for the Communications committee.

Motion carried.

☐ May 19 Steering Committee - Coverage (Jennie will be unavailable)

☐ Joint Meeting (Steering and Subcommittee Chairs) on June 9, 4 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS (LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES EACH): None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Chaney, supported by Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 pm. Motion carried.

Jennie Walker, Chairperson & Date

Jolie Booser, Secretary & Date