

Lake Onderdonk Improvement Association – Late Summer 2025 BOD Meeting

8/23/2025 – 9:00 AM

Present: Steve Converse, President; Chris D'Alessandro, Vice President; Joe MacFadden, Treasurer; Karen Edwards-D'Alessandro, Secretary; Barb Porter; Maynard Porter; John Merrill; Randy Coon, Penny Stoever

1. Welcome and call to order: Steve Converse called the meeting not order at 9:05 am.
2. Steve reported on the information presented at the NYSFOLA conference he attended last month; more on invasives, harmful algal blooms and CSLAP. He also reported that he and Judy kayaked the entire lake and reported that currently the conditions of the lake have never been better than he has ever seen. All agreed. We are considering Clearcast a huge success. There was a point several weeks ago when the algae seemed quite concerning. Karen reached out to Nicole regarding her thoughts on the increased algae. She stated we are in good shape with permitting for next year and she could obtain a permit for an algaecide in the event we had a more concerning problem. Karen shared that it is unlikely that the group would want to move forward with an algaecide. However, Nicole will prepare information regarding the cost of permitting, the cost of the product, an evaluation of the average depth of the lake, assessment for the application of Clearcast for 2026. Steve also shared information that LOIA has historically been curious about Lake ownership. He was given a contact with the state in the Department of Lands Now or Formerly Underwater. They responded quickly and stated that Onderdonk Lake (as it is known to the state) is privately owned. He further inquired about the dam at the meeting and the state indicated that we might want to obtain the title history and the floodage rights. The Board agreed that we will explore this more in the fall/winter meetings and explore the cost of obtaining title/deed.
3. Treasurer's report: Joe McFadden reported that it would be good to have others on the account to be able to sign. Karen and Steve will meet with Steve at the bank in the future. There is also consideration of changing banks to Westerlo to be more convenient. The clearing to the land on the work day lead to collection of \$330 following donations to LOIA for the old clam steam, scrap metal and an old Coke sign.
4. Upgrade, maintenance, and usage of clubhouse and lakefront property: Randy Coon reported that the brush on the lakefront was cleared at the work day in addition to all the work that was done clearing the land of trees, metal, brush and leveling. Randy suggested that due to the steep drop off, we obtain a permit to have some boulders put in at the shore line. Randy and Maynard will follow-up on this. It was also decided that the old restroom building will need to come down.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.