

# Lake Onderdonk Improvement Association – Late Summer 2025 Meeting

8/23/2025 – 10:00 AM

Present: Steve Converse, President; Chris D'Alessandro, Vice President; Joe McFadden, Treasurer; Karen Edwards-D'Alessandro, Secretary; Maynard Porter, BOD; Barb Porter, BOD; Randy Coon, BOD, John Merrill, BOD; Penny Stoever, BOD; Judy Converse; Al Gallucci; Chris Pullmain; Joe Graf; Marlene Snyder

1. Welcome and call to order: Steve Converse called the meeting to order at 10:07am.
2. Secretary's report, review/approval of 7/19/2025 meeting minutes : Karen D'Alessandro e-mailed all present at July's meeting. John saw no need for edits/additions and no one added any. Motion was made to accept the minutes which will be posted on the LOIA Website where May and June's minutes are currently available. Many thanks to Curtis Canham for maintaining the Website.
3. Treasurer's report: Joe McFadden reported that we currently have a balance of \$8,568.93. We are in good shape for 2026- again many thanks to increases in participation in dues, assessments and the 300 Club raffle. There was discussion about moving the bank from Key to The Bank of Greene County located in Westerlo and add Board members as signers. Motion was made and carried to move the bank and Karen and Steve will meet with Joe so that we have more than one person who is able to sign and banking can be more convenient and support a local bank.
4. Late summer update on weed control: Steve reported that Clearcast was a success by all accounts. There is some concern about the increase in algae this year. Nicole from Little Bear offered the possibility of obtaining a permit for an algaecide if needed. She will present information on all that may entail as well as exploring more on the lake depth. The Board will be reviewing all this regarding the 2026 application in the fall.
5. Conclusion of squatter situation on Echo Point Road: Steve reported that this issue has resolved.
6. Report from NYSFOLA regional meeting of 8/13 2025: Steve reported on his attendance at the NYSFOLA meeting in August. They explored invasive species, Harmful Algal Blooms and CSLAP. Our report from the water collections conducted by the D'Alessadros and Stoevers will be available on the CSLAP Dashboard in September. This data will be useful for water quality management. Steve inquired about how we can determine lake ownership. He was given a state contact who confirmed that it is a privately owned lake. The contact suggested hiring a title agency to explore any verbiage regarding the dam. Members suggested that the town's maintenance of the dam certainly indicates responsibility of the town. This will be explored and discussed more fully in future meetings, no next steps were defined. It is being discussed as there is some question of general liability and liability for the dam. Also pending is the formation of a sub-committee to explore signage for LOIA at the dam and at the sites of existing signs. Also pending is the decision to secure insurance. Quotes remain pending. The issues will likely be explored more fully in 2026.
7. Upgrade, maintenance, and usage of clubhouse and lakefront property: Randy Coon reported on the amazing results of the July work day. We owe a huge debt of thanks to Randy Coon, Chris Pullmain, Mike and Dave Hartman, Don Lee for trucks and machines that felled trees, moved and dumped them, clearing and leveling a huge amount of land. Some machines involved included a skid steer, brush hog and grab, blue bucket excavator, dingo, dump trucks and dumpster! It was a marvel to observe these men and their machines level trees and land and scoop all the debris away. Additionally, we received donations for some of the metal that was uncovered under the fallen shed; a clam steamer, an old coke

sign and some scrap metal. The bathroom building will need to come down as it is not useable, this will be a future project. The brush at the lakefront of the LOIA property was cleared as a first step to improve that site and make it more accessible to members. Randy will submit an application for a permit to the DEC this fall for potential shoreline enhancements so that can be in place should we be in a position to move forward with enhancements in the spring. The grand idea is to have a dock for kayaks as well as a storage rack that could generate revenue for LOIA. Many thanks to all involved in the work day also including Steve Converse, Chris D'Alessandro, Maynard Porter, the Stoevers, and Julia Marks.

8. Social Committee: Judy reminded all of the Potluck to be held at 4:00pm, the final event of the season.
10. Raffle drawings: Joe McFadden drew the 14th week winner -Patricia Miller. The final \$25 and the \$500 grand prize will be drawn at the Potluck.
11. The meeting was adjourned @10:58am.