Lake Onderdonk Improvement Association-Mid Summer 2026
Meet and Eat Breakfast Meeting
July 18, 2026

BOD Present: Steve Converse, President; Joe McFadden, Treasurer; Randy Coon, John Merrill, Barbara Porter, Maynard Porter, Penny Stoever. Absent: Chris D'Alessandro, Vice President and Karen D'Alessandro, Secretary

Members Present: Judy Converse, Joe Graf, Rose Dewey, Marlene Snyder, Don Lee, Danielle Lee, Maureen Hartmann, Mike Hartmann, Sean Mullahy, John Crookes, Joe Miller, Chris Pullmain, Amanda Pullmain, Eric Murphy, Katee Murphy, John Stoever and Ken Storms

1. Steve called the meeting to order @10:05AM and asked that everyone present please introduce themselves and include their lake address. Steve also mentioned the 3 roads around the lake-Lake Rd, Echo Point Rd and Beaver Shores Rd to inform all who may not know this. Steve spoke about the info shared by new owners, Katee and Eric Murphy in regard to a portion of their deed indicating that they have lake access near the dam at the North end. He also spoke briefly about the LOIA property across the road which has lake access and developing that area (ie. dock) for lake association members only who do not have actual lakeside property with their own water access. We are currently looking to purchase liability insurance to allow us to continue with this project.

2. In the absence of our Secretary, Karen D'Alessandro, Barb Porter is taking the minutes. Minutes for June 20, 2026 were sent to all attending for any corrections/additions. Corrections were made and minutes were posted on the LOIA website where all minutes from 2024, 2025 & 2026 can be viewed. We thank Curtis Canham for maintaining our website.
   Steve also wanted to thank Penny for being the Administrator for the LOIA Facebook page 'Honkers'. He encouraged all to search out that group and post lake related info and pictures.

3. Steve mentioned the eagles on the lake this year and that they have 2 eaglets this year. A short eagle info session from several members followed-this is the 5th year here for the nesting pair.

3. (Con't) There is a greatly reduced number of Canadian Geese on the lake this year.

4. Update on muck reduction research: Penny talked about her use of 2 AI sources (Claude and Chat GPT) in gathering research papers regarding lake health and things specific to Lake Onderdonk. She is organizing a committee to gather information and discuss paths forward to deal with the muck, phosphorus issues. The committee is hoping to meet in August and be able to present positive steps forward next year.
   Steve addressed the weed treatment used the past 2 years (Clearcast) and how it seems to have worked well for helping to control the spread of invasive Curly Leaf Pondweed. We are now looking at other factors to help keep this weed's growth down. Lake Onderdonk is shallow and constant decay keeps making it more shallow. Another issue to be researched is septic systems around the lake and are they a contributor adding phosphorous and other nutrients that are not beneficial to our lake. Penny and Karen have spoken to Scientist, Alene from CSLAP regarding septic systems and her recommendation is for lake property residents to have their septic tanks pumped every 2 years. Our lake is now borderline 'eutrophic' due to phosphorous levels (caused by bio septic, muck, fertilizer runoff in the watershed and wake boats which stir up the lake bottom). We, as an association, feel a responsibility to keep this a viable lake that everyone can continue to enjoy and pass on to our successors. Penny also mentioned that she has wild blueberry bushes on her shoreline and that they are an excellent lake filter. If anyone would like some she would gladly give some away.

5. Upgrade, maintenance and usage of clubhouse and lakefront property: Randy spoke about projects for the summer to include-repairing the kitchen floor, getting power and water to the bathroom, rebuilding/ replacing the bathroom and working on the lakefront property. Volunteers Randy Coon, Chris Pullmain, Don Lee and Mike Hartmann will be working next Saturday, July 25th to dig a trench and install the electric conduit to supply the pump house. Pump was tested, is in running condition and will supply water to the bathroom and club-house. Steve is working on getting liability insurance so we can proceed with getting lake access to the LOIA membership.
   Steve recognized all the improvements completed in the past several

5. (Con't) years with the help of volunteers and minimal cost to the LOIA. Thank you to Randy for all his help and organizational skills.

New Business:

6. Steve mentioned that the #1 priority on the returned Spring surveys was Education. We are looking to have a speaker come out and give a presentation sometime in August either on the weekend or possibly even a weeknight.

7. Social Committee:
   Judy Converse, Chairperson mentioned how much everyone seemed to enjoy the 'Breakfast Meetings'-they were very successful.
   Judy suggested having a Progressive App/Dessert function at several lake homes on August 8th to begin at Judy and Steve's then on to Penny and John Stoever's. She will put a sign-up sheet either on Honker's or email for those interested in participating.
   There will be a Potluck dinner held on Saturday, August 22 at 4:00PM at the clubhouse. This is also the date of last meeting of the season which is to be held at 10:00AM (no breakfast will be served at this meeting).

8. Fundraiser:
   Amanda Pullmain suggested LOIA membership create a Cookbook to sell. She has researched this and has all the information. We would need to have at least 50 recipe contributors at 2 recipes per person to make the quota of producing 100 books. This would be a great opportunity to not only make some money but also share the many delicious recipes that members have brought to our functions. It will take 8 wks to receive the books once complete. Amanda will forward the BOD the information from the printing company's packet when she receives it. Steve was positive about pursuing this as a fundraiser and possibly have a finished cookbook in the Spring.

9. Week 9-300 raffle drawing ticket was pulled by Jacob Pullmain and the winner is Pat Miller.

10. Treasurer, Joe McFadden stated that the LOIA finances are in good shape with a little over $10,000 in the bank account.

11. The next scheduled meeting will be on Saturday, August 22nd at 10:00AM. This will be the final meeting of the 2026 season.

11. Motion made by Judy Converse to adjourn the meeting and it was Seconded by Rose Dewey-meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM