

North Lakes Community Council Membership Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2025 – 7 pm

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Boys & Girls Club Bogard

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Rod Hanson. Rod Hanson welcomed everyone. Board members introduced themselves. Quorum verified as 4/5 board members and more than 10% of council members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jade Laughlin.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

There were no recommended revisions and the agenda was approved unanimously.

3. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

There were no recommended revisions and the April 24th minutes were approved unanimously.

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION #1

Rod reminded everyone that this section was for individuals to bring forward any topics that are not already on tonight's agenda. Participants are limited to 3 minutes each. There will be another opportunity for audience participation near the end of the meeting. The following individuals spoke:

- John Miller - informed the council that he had a petition available for audience members to sign to repeal rank choice voting.
- Brian Geary - new stop signs on Cottonwood Loop were not announced and so people are blowing through the signs without stop signs. M. Schweigert indicated there used to be signs at that location.
- George Sikat III mentioned that at the corner of Destin and Sebastian there are vehicles traveling very quickly and using airbrakes, causing problems. He also spoke of concerns of gravel pit operations within his neighborhood and the disruption to his peace. Central Gravel explained that there was no truck traffic from their operations using Sebastian or Destin streets.

5. CORRESPONDENCE & ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Rod Hanson reviewed the May 29, 2025 Correspondence & Activity Summary report. He drew specific attention to the following items in the report:

- Items #9 relates to the ongoing Bogard paving project. Ideally it will be done quickly to minimize impact.
- Item #17 addresses the desire of our community council to be involved early on in road projects in order to give adequate feedback.

6. OFFICER / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. President's Report - R. Hanson had no further report.
- b. Treasurer's Report - Jolleen Coleman summarized the balance sheet and budget report as of 04/30/25.
- c. Finance Committee - No Meeting, no report.
- d. Bylaws Committee - No meeting. No report.
- e. Nomination Committee - No meeting. No report.
- f. Road & Traffic Safety Committee - No meeting. No report
- g. North Lakes Comprehensive Plan Committee - C. Vague reported there was a meeting and a draft resolution is later on tonight's agenda.

7. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

None this month.

8. STATE & BOROUGH OFFICIALS - UPDATES

- A. Sen. Yundt gave his Freshman year report that there is a budget shortfall of \$200 million due to reduced revenue. There is no allocation for capital projects for any district this year, for the first time ever.
- B. Assemblyman Fonov explained that the mil rate is going down however property values are increasing so it will essentially be a wash for property taxes. Discussions on the CAMP are forthcoming and he encouraged people to come speak at assembly meetings. He also indicated that a \$0.07 excise fuel tax is being proposed to help pay for road projects in the borough.

9. NEW BUSINESS - no new business on tonight's agenda.

10. ONGOING / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Shaw Elementary School Access Project/ Connection to Foxtrot - R. Hanson gave a summary of the current issues with the Paradise to Foxtrot proposed connection. He gave testimony to the borough about the issue and he included that in the meeting packet. The NLCC will work on finalizing a resolution concerning the project and objections to an increase in traffic at the Caribou and Bogard intersection. The resolution was also included in the packet. John Miller made a motion to adopt the resolution. Randy Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Wolf Lake State DNR Land Disposal/ Community Park Project- R. Hanson reported that there are efforts to purchase the proposed Wolf Lake Land for a potential community park. The project is currently at the planning and research stage. Randy Hillman spoke about the proposed North Lake Community Project progress. Barb Dody spoke that she supports the concept of a park. She explained that there is a Lake Management Plan in place to protect the loon colony and presented the idea of adding floatplane slips to produce revenue for the Wold Lake Community Association to then develop the park.
- c. Central Gravel Projects - Verbal Update: F. Conaway reported that the berm is being constructed and several acres are currently being worked to get infrastructure set up and road construction. Jade Laughlin from Central Gravel Projects reported that they are currently establishing infrastructure in addition to the berm and making every effort to minimize impact to the community through noise and dust mitigation. George Sikat III expressed significant concerns and Mr. Laughlin agreed to meet with him separately to address his questions and concerns.

<<< John Miller moved to extend the meeting to 9:15. There were no objections. >>>

- d. Engstrom to Trunk Connector Road - R. Hanson reported that the NLCC will continue to support the Southern Route Option.
- e. Waterbody Setbacks- R. Hanson reported that the Borough had a meeting with the Waterbody Setback committee. The issue has been pushed down the road for 120 days through referrals to several boards and commissions.
- f. Welcome Signs update- The NLCC is still working with the borough to get approval for sign installation. Central Gravel Projects will assist in installing the signs.
- g. Comprehensive Plan review, Draft Resolution- C. Vague presented a resolution to be sent to the borough. C. Vague made a motion to approve the resolution. It was suggested that the NLCC increase outreach to develop more involvement in the process. The resolution was approved with an expectation it will undergo one final review, editing, and formatting before signing and submitting.

11. ADDITIONAL AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- No additional input

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- None this evening

13. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Signed by: _____

Date Signed: _____

Attested by: _____

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