

Membership Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2025 – 7 pm

Boys & Girls Club Bogard

Website: <https://www.nlakes.cc>

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Rod Hanson, President. Hanson welcomed everyone. Board members introduced themselves. Quorum verified as 4 board members; several regular members arrived late, ultimately at least 10% of council members were present for any voting actions. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Louie Calandri.

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 minutes from the October 30, 2025 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION #1

- Louie Calandri: shared concerns about rising expenses and funding. There is a 2026 Budget item on the agenda to be discussed then.

5. CORRESPONDENCE & ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Attendees were reminded they can follow up with questions about any item in this report. Hanson highlighted the following items separately:

- Item 3. - 11/18 Assembly Meeting Summary. Large Lot Districts debate; Culvert at Charley Drive, construction possibly to start 2027; Planning Commission Vacancy; New RSA Board Member, Billy Shuyler, was appointed for District 6 by the mayor; Waterbody Setbacks debate, borough will discuss among themselves, with public comment, and propose a new ordinance.
- Item 5. - Road & Traffic Safety Meeting - there is a detailed write-up of the productive meeting. Project Priorities will be discussed during the MVP agenda item later this evening.
- Item 7. - ATT has applied for a permit to build a communication tower near the Boys and Girls Club. This will go to a public comment phase allowing surrounding property owners and the NLCC to review and comment.
- Item 8. - Engstrom North to Tex Al Project: Overview of Public Open House. NLCC expressed support for the project. We will write letter or resolution later as the project moves forward. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2028, there will be additional public comment in 2026-2027.

- Item 10. - Vanda Valley Subdivision. Details later on the agenda.
- Item 11. - Grant Program dates have been set for 2026. Instructions and application forms are available on our website. We will send out Mailchimp outreach regarding the Grant program.
- Item 12. - NLCC sent a letter with a financial pledge to B&G Club of \$200.00 per month for 12 months, once they re-open. Recent discussion with the CEO indicates they intend to re-open the Mat-Su Club. Timing is uncertain.
- Item 13. - Planning Commission resolution approved production of minimum lot size from 40,000 SF to 30,000 SF in designated Single Family Residential Use Districts. This will go to the assembly soon for Public Hearing and decision.
- Item 14. - NLCC is working with DOT to “Adopt a Highway” along Bogard between Tait and Catalina.

6. OFFICER / COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. President’s Report - R. Hanson had nothing else to report.
- b. Treasurer’s Report - Jolleen Coleman gave a brief summary of the balance sheet and budget. We will underspend our approved budget this year.
 - Louie Calandi: offered suggestions regarding the financials:
 - Purchasing a printer for NLCC would save cost of printing.
 - Pres. Hanson shared the cost of printing is \$45.00 for the packets; this is not enough expense to over-ride the cost of a printer.
 - Louie Caldani: inquired about the cost of rent-a-can services at the Cottonwood Lake Park. Hanson indicated there is a Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Board meeting on 11/21/25 and that the NLCC would send a letter recommending the Borough budget for park improvements, including sanitary facilities.
 - There was discussion to reduce advertising / outreach expenditures. Hanson reminded everyone that the estimated costs for “Welcome to North Lakes” signs was based on a contractor doing the work. Now that we are doing the work ourselves, the costs will be reduced significantly. We intend to complete the sign installations. No other 3rd party advertising is planned in the 2026 budget.
- c. Finance Committee - Louie Calandri reported on the Committee meeting and the development of the DRAFT 2026 Budget for approval at the annual Board Meeting in January.
- d. Bylaw Committee - No meeting. No report.
- e. Nomination Committee - No meeting. No report.

- f. Road & Traffic Safety Committee - The outcome of the meeting is detailed in item #5 of the Correspondence & Activity Report. Rachel Greenberg will be stepping down as Chair after the December meeting. Mark Saddler has agreed to assume the role of Committee Chair. David Crawford (new NLCC Board Member) will also be joining the Committee.
- g. North Lakes Comprehensive Plan Committee - No meeting. No report.

7. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

- a. Kim Sollien led a presentation about the MVP / MPO work on transportation planning (MTP). A discussion about NLCC road project priorities ensued. Priorities were outlined in the meeting packet ([click here](#)). NLCC will continue coordination with MVP / MPO and provide recommendations. There is a Public Open House scheduled for December 3rd from 4.30 - 6.00pm. More detail is available at their website at <https://mvpmpo.com>

8. STATE & BOROUGH OFFICIALS - UPDATES

None present

9. ONGOING / UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Engstrom to Trunk Connector Project. A draft resolution was reviewed and discussed. Input from attendees was noted. A vote was taken to send a resolution by NLCC in preference of the south route. The vote passed with Louie Calandi representing the Shorewood HOA in opposition. The final resolution, as approved, will be submitted to MSB by 11/30/25.
- b. Planning Commission seat for District 6. R. Hanson reminded attendees that if anyone is interested, it is time to get your application submitted to the Borough.
- c. Vanda Valley Subdivision. A public hearing will now be held on December 18. NLCC will testify and draw attention to our [letter of October 3rd](#).

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. January 2026 Board Meeting: R. Hanson reviewed the draft agenda and meeting objectives for the Annual Board Meeting on January 15, 2025. The normal January NLCC Membership Meeting will be on January 29, 2025. Both are considered public meetings and will have Zoom connection available.
- b. 2026 NLCC Meeting Schedule: R. Hanson drew attention to the last page of the meeting packet, which lists all of the pre-scheduled NLCC Membership Meetings and Road & Traffic Safety Committee meetings for 2026. These dates have been provided to the Borough and will be on the public meeting calendar.

11. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION #2

- David Crawford reinforced he wants the southern route for the Engstrom to Trunk Connector.
- Simon Gilliland noted he is also in favor of the Southern Route. He has leases on 3 parcels, 20 acres each, that would be negatively impacted by a Northern Route Engstrom to Trunk Connector.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Joleen Coleman reinforced her empathy for those whose homes might be affected by a Northern route Engstrom to Trunk Connection.
- Colleen Vague commented that it is dark and icy, so be safe during the holidays.
- Rod Hanson reminded everyone that the December meeting will be the 3rd Thursday, at the church, not at the Boys and Girls club.

13. ADJOURN

- a. A motion was offered by Randy Hillman and seconded by Louie Calandri to extend the meeting to 9:15 if necessary. No objections. Motion carried.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

16. ATTENDANCE

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| a. Members: | 11 |
| b. Non-Members: | 7 |
| c. TOTAL | 18 |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Signed by: _____ Date Signed: _____

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