

GREAT LAKES SHORES Meeting Minutes July 11, 2026

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:01 AM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call of membership took place.

Board members present: Renee C. (President), Joe R. (Vice President), Shawndra P. (Secretary), Judy F. (Treasurer), Ken K. (Trustee), Boni L. (Trustee), Dean S. (Trustee), and Tony S. (Trustee), Scott C. (Trustee).

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting held on June 6, 2026 were reviewed and approved by the membership.

Former President Mike Watson presented about past projects completed:

- Reviewed history of erosion issues during his tenure, including high water overtopping the seawall and collapse near the old boat ramp at Huron Bay. Boulders were placed against the seawall as a stabilizing measure and have held up well.
- Compared jetty spacing with neighboring Lexington Heights, noting Lexington Heights has more jetties per foot of shoreline and does not have a seawall, which affects erosion patterns.
- A professional engineer, BMJ, was consulted for the prior seawall/boulder work; the board discussed whether that expense was necessary given the erosion was ultimately unavoidable due to undermining at the base.
- Don S. added that Lexington Heights' lack of a seawall along most of its shoreline is a major factor in the erosion comparison.

Treasurer's Report Balances. EMB Checking:\$37,179.57 Huntington Checking/MM: \$50,984.74 Eastern Michigan Savings + Thumb CD): \$53,368 total.

- June income: \$2,845. Year-to-date income: \$46,900.
- Major project expense: payment toward John Snyder's work (\$4,500, with \$1,000 reflected under projects).
- General expenses (clubhouse, utilities, lawn maintenance): \$7,749 for the period; \$16,615.37 year-to-date. Note: some billing was late and not yet reflected.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business

Bluff Project Update by Ken K. Bluff Committee Chairperson

- An arborist was engaged; a contractor has removed approximately 22 trailer-loads of invasive vines from the bluff area.
- Some pruning exceeded what was originally directed due to invasive vine cutting. Committee acknowledged the overage and noted new growth is already visible.
- A landscaping/shoreline erosion specialist is scheduled to assess planting options (erosion control and choking out invasive species) — expected to be a multi-year, phased project given budget constraints.
- Poison ivy was a concern of members and monitoring that will continue. Ongoing maintenance funding will be proposed at the upcoming budget meeting. Next bluff committee meeting scheduled for the 19th.

Road Erosion — Elm to Huron Bay

Candace and Joe spoke about road between Elm and Huron Bay. Candace spoke to Rob Falls who indicated that Spicer Engineering would be providing a quote for surveying that area.

New Business

- Four board seats are up for election. Nominations were opened at this meeting; written nominations (email or note) are requested by this date.
- Current members Shawndra, Tony, Ken and Boni are re-running; any members are welcome to run. No nominations were made at the meeting.
- Mary Black thanked the board noting they are all volunteers and addressed the membership that bringing up unrealistic expectations of the board is unproductive.

Announcements

- Election luncheon: July 25th, 12:00–2:00 PM, themed around America's 250th anniversary.
- Election will take place during the luncheon, 12:00–2:00 PM. A volunteer from outside the board is needed to help count ballots.
- Boni is raffling off a handmade quilt (250th-anniversary themed) at the luncheon; raffle tickets available for purchase.
- Golf cart parade was a hit, thanks to Boni for organizing.
- Absentee ballots: available online (printable) or by pick-up. Completed ballots may be dropped at Judy's (small yellow mailbox on her front deck/porch). Name and address go on the outside of the envelope only — not on the ballot itself. Absentee ballots are due by July 23rd (two days before the meeting/election).

Next Meeting

The next meeting August 22nd at 11:00 AM.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM.