



INDIAN LAKE ASSOCIATION, ADK, INC.

MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2025 – Camp Pierce Barn - Rt 30, Indian Lake, NY

President Glenn Van Norstrand called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. After a flag salute, President Van Nordstrand welcomed all members, and thanked Alan and Leslie Pierce for allowing ILA to use their beautiful facility, “Camp Pierce Barn” for our meeting.

INTRODUCTION

President Van Nordstrand then called for approval of the minutes from our last Annual Meeting on August 10, 2024. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

President Van Nordstrand then turned the meeting over to Secretary Helen Glass who recognized our guests including John Callaghan, Executive Director of HRBRRD, and Caitlin Stewart, District Manager, Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District and “RJ” from the Indian Lake Marina.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

ELECTION

Secretary Glass then called for nominations for Director to fill the expired term of Director John Cohoon.

Secretary Glass received one nomination from the floor for John Cohoon to serve as Director for a three-year term ending on June 30, 2028. Mr. Cohoon was elected unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Director Glass then reported on various projects undertaken by ILA during the past year.

Newsletter – Secretary Glass advised that the Newsletter was 24 pages this year and contained ads that once again nearly covered the cost of printing and mailing. She thanked everyone who participated in the production of the Newsletter – Specifically, Jon Vorhees for his article, and a special thanks to Bruce Caitlin for setting the newsletter up on the computer.

The newsletter is our way of making the ILA known, and closer to our goal of making the ILA THE premier organization in the area.

Boater's Guide – The Boater's Guide has been updated and printed on waterproof poly paper. It has been a great success and many thanks again to the Indian Lake Marina for donating 100% of the profit of the Boater's Guide back to the ILA – Please thank them and patronize their businesses.

Secretary Glass thanked those who supported us through newsletter ads, silent auction contributions, or other means, and encouraged members to support these businesses.

The Meeting was then turned over to Treasurer, Mary Prusko who gave her financial report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

During our last annual meeting on August 10, 2024, the membership voted to change our financial report ending period from June 30th to the calendar year.

As of June 30, 2024, we reported a closing balance of \$9,425.91. Today, July 26, 2025, we have \$14,771.74 in the bank. This balance includes a \$5,000 Certificate of Deposit that the Association opened in April of this year.

Throughout the year, we sponsored the following programs:

-We awarded The Dick Merrill scholarship to Kari De Long who is advancing her education by attending the SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry Ranger School. She will be learning Environmental and Natural Resource Conservation, Forest Technology and Land Surveying Technology.

- We gave an advertisement sponsorship to the Indian Lake Theater;
- We Sponsored the town of Indian Lake for this year's Fireworks;
- The yearly Community Pride Clean-Up sponsorship;
- and joined the IL Chamber of Commerce.

We also allocated funds for the Calendar, the Boater's Guide, and the Newsletter.

If anyone would like a more detailed copy of the financials, please contact her at Treasurer.ILA.ADK@gmail.com

Additionally, our Facebook page has grown, increasing its followers from 399 to 485. Please remember to like, follow and share our page.

Currently, we have 135 members.

President Van Nordstrand then introduced our first speaker, JOHN CALLAGHAN – Executive Director, HRBRRD.

SPEAKER CALLAGHAN

The Indian Lake Dam rehabilitation project is progressing well, addressing structural deficiencies and enhancing safety and functionality. Key updates include:

1. Completed Work:

- Gaps in the stone masonry structure have been sealed with grout.
- A new pedestrian walkway over the spillway has been installed for safer worker access.
- Replacement of the inoperable logway sluice gate with a new operable gate to improve water management.

- Installation of post-tensioned anchors on the spillway and embankment sections to ensure structural stability and compliance with NYSDEC dam safety standards.

2. Ongoing Work:

- Construction of a new concrete extension to the embankment wall to accommodate a flattened slope on the downstream side, meeting NYSDEC standards.

3. Emergent Work:

- Extensive voids in the gatehouse foundation were discovered, requiring additional work with pre-cast concrete panels to enhance watertight integrity. This has extended the project timeline to late 2025 or early 2026.

Water levels are being managed normally during construction, and the Regulating District is committed to completing the project successfully to ensure the dam continues to provide recreational, ecological, economic, and flood protection benefits for the community.

The Regulating District continues to appreciate its ongoing partnership with the Indian Lake Association and looks forward to continuing a dialogue about how elevations are managed, especially in the fall of the year. Our sole focus at present is completing the project successfully and ensuring that the structure can continue to function and provide important local recreational, ecological, and economic benefits – as well as critically important downstream flooding protection – for generations to come.

Director Callaghan asks our members NOT to attempt to visit the construction site for safety reasons. Please visit HRBRRD website or their You Tube page for updates and photos. Here is a link to the most recent construction images: https://youtu.be/DRMpAKOfM_o

SPEAKER CAITLIN STEWART

Ms. Caitlin Stewart, District Manager of Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, presented a Power Point presentation on Stormwater Management Practices.

Stormwater management practices like bioswales, rain gardens, rain barrels, and shoreline buffers protect water quality and ecosystems.

Bioswales

- Installed in drainage courses to reduce stormwater velocity and remove pollutants.
- Native vegetation absorbs nutrients, reduces erosion, and traps sediment.
- Requires periodic maintenance to clean out ditches.

Rain Gardens

- Landscaped depressions that capture and absorb stormwater from roofs.
- Diverted water infiltrates through plants and soil, removing pollutants.
- Absorb 30% more water than lawns, reducing runoff and erosion.
- Native plants with deep roots enhance infiltration and adapt to wet/dry conditions.

Rain Barrels

- Harvest rainwater from roofs for various uses, saving approximately 1300 gallons annually.
- During a 1-inch rainstorm, a 10x10 foot roof area produces about 57 gallons of rainwater.
- Rainwater is free from additives found in tap water, benefiting garden health.

Shoreline Buffers

- Natural vegetation strips along shorelines protect lakes from pollutants and reduce erosion.

- Should cover 50-75% of lake frontage, providing wildlife habitat and stabilizing shorelines.
- Planting in layers (trees, shrubs, flowers) enhances ecosystem health and beauty.

Ms. Stewart asked that we share the links below:

- Green Infrastructure Démonstration Projets video - <https://vimeo.com/282894705?fl=pl&fe=sh>
- Love Your Lake video (shoreline buffers, no mow zones, and green infrastructure): <https://vimeo.com/450223448?fl=pl&fe=sh>: <https://vimeo.com/450223448?fl=pl&fe=sh>
- Pollinator garden raised bed supplies – Greenes Fence Co.: <https://greenesfence.com/collections/all-raised-garden-beds/products/cedar-raised-garden-bed-4-ft-x-4-ft-x-7-in-rc4c4>

Additional information can be found on the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District website: <https://www.hamiltoncountyswcd.org/>

RESIGNATIONS

Glenn VanNorstrand, who has served as ILA President since 2021, resigned from his position as President and Board Member, citing personal reasons. The ILA Board commends Mr. VanNorstrand for stepping up when the organization needed him most and for successfully shepherding the ILA into its current form.

Dr. Daniel Way, who has served as Vice President of the ILA since 2020, also stepped down from his role as officer and director, expressing a desire to spend more time with his family.

President Van Norstrand will be succeeded by Judge Helen Glass, who has served as Secretary of the organization since 2023, and was elected as President at the ILA Board meeting that immediately followed our Annual Meeting.

We wish Mr. Van Nordstrand and Dr. Way the best of luck in their future endeavors and thank them for their service to ILA.

ADJOURNMENT was at 11:00 am. Next meeting will be next July or August 2026,
date/time/place TBD

Respectfully Submitted,



Helen Glass, Secretary to ILA