

Lexington Heights, Inc.

General Meeting

August 15, 2026

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by association President, Bob Alimpich, at 10:02 am.

II. Trustees Present

Bob Alimpich, Liz Alimpich, Janice Hall, Julie Hayden (excused), Don McColman, Steve Minnick, Dottie Schulte (on phone), Lynn Secord, Jeff Voth

III. Invocation

Steve Minnick led the community in a prayer remembering those that have passed away and asking for God's blessings on Lexington Heights.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Bob Alimpich led the community in saying the Pledge.

V. Reading of the June 20, 2026 Minutes

Karen Callus made a Motion to Accept the Minutes as read. Ben seconded. All in favor. Motion passed. (202624)

VI. Treasurer's Report

Liz reported that we have \$105,178 in our account. There is \$21,486 in the Money Market account. \$93,153 has been collected. The outstanding accounts are \$29,595.

VII. Introduction of New Members

There were not any new members in attendance.

VIII Committee Reports

Clubhouse – Jan Britz

Jan reminded the community of the Hippy Fest at 6:00. The Corn Roast is on August 22 from 1:00 – 4:00. There will be a Fall Fest on September 19 at 6:00. Line Dancing will be taught. Please join us.

Bluff/Parkway – Liz, Jan

Liz, Bob, Jan, and Shawn Ryan trimmed the bluff near all the staircases and benches. Jan said that we are always trying to protect the bluff from erosion.

Beaches/Boat Ramp/Jetties – Don, Dottie, Lynn

Don reminded the community to remove kayaks for the season. Bob reported that the banding has been completed on the North creek jetty near Walbridge/Zenith. This was done to reinforce the jetty.

Clubhouse/Playground – Jan, John, Bob, Julie

The Board is waiting on additional bids for the foundation at the clubhouse. We also want to get drainage work done around the clubhouse.

IX. President's Report

Now we are down to the last five weeks of summer, and we have spent our time trimming the bluff, repairing the boat ramp, overseeing bluff trimming, repairing the north creek jetty, dead wood was removed from the Ivy tree on the bluff. There was some wood that had fallen over the bluff at Ivy and a few volunteers retrieved that wood. Some trees were topped years ago on the bluff, and we are keeping the largest leaders coming out of the stump. Reid and Bob went down and trimmed an Oak near Ivy, and it opened the view. Bob wants the community to know how steep the bluff is to work on. In some places, it falls off gradually, but in five or ten feet it will drop drastically. We are always trying to balance the growth on the bluff with the view of the lake. It's a hard thing to do and we have a hard time pleasing everyone. Bob thanked the Board for their hard work and the volunteers that helped on our many projects. Thanks to Reid Larsson, Tom Doestch, Gladys Stablein, Renee Jobbit, Tim Riefert, Kurt Riese and those who provide comments and suggestions. Rest assured we will continue to work for the benefit of our community. If anyone would like to help with any projects, please let us know.

X. Old/On-going Business

Lynn thanked Gladys, Renee, Tom D., Sharon, Julie, Tim Riefert Diana, and Dottie for their help with the election this year.

XI. New Business

XII. Membership Rules

Steve read the membership rules to the community.

XIII. Membership Comments

Kurt on Grove spoke about how aggressive the Tree of Heaven is and how they choke out native trees. The Tree of Heaven are very fast growing. The Board has started identifying them and removing them. Kurt would like private property owners to start destroying them on their property. Bob suggested that the community look up the Tree of Heaven and become educated. Bob spoke about the history of the tree and they are the main food for

the spotted lantern fly. That fly attacks some crops. On Lexington Heights property, we have started the eradication of these trees. The trees must be poisoned first before they are cut down. Last week, they worked on the boat ramp and on Maple to see how the poison works. The poison is Torban and it's over the counter.

Karen on Ivy wanted to know if there are any plans for a fundraiser for the playground. Bob encouraged her or someone in the community to put a proposal together. Karen also is concerned about the house covered in black plastic on Grove. Bob asked the homeowner Mary Katherine to address the concerns about 7320 Grove. Mary Katherine said that she is recently retired and hopes to get it back in shape.

Reggie on Rosewood wanted clarification about some Board members using the clubhouse at discounted rates. Jan addressed that all rentals are paid in full. The only functions that don't pay a rental fee are community functions like the 50's Dance, euchre nights etc. Reggie also asked if the Board throws a private party for themselves. Bob said that never happened.

Richard Gage on Juniper addressed the trimming of the three Maples on the Juniper bluff. He is concerned because the Maples were trimmed in the summer. He is concerned about the conflicting interests of the bluff and the long-term legacy of the bluff. He reminded the Board to maintain and preserve the bluff. Reggie wanted clarification about planting trees on the bluff. The trees Richard is referring to were planted five years ago. Bob has trimmed Maples in the summer and never had a problem. Bob wanted to trim up those three Maples to improve the view and a community member asked if he could trim the bottom branches and give a nicer crown to the tree. Bob is sorry that he didn't know the correct time to trim the Maples.

Sandy on Lakeview appreciates everything the Board does on the bluff. Her concern is the overgrowth of the sumacs. She presented a letter from Julia Sobel, a master gardener and horticulturist. Julia described how she cuts the sumacs on her bluff in the fall. They grow back every year in a bush form and she has used this approach for 25 years. (Letter to be posted on our website.) Sandy urged the Board to consider trimming all the sumac on the bluff in this way. Sandy feels the best way to protect the bluff is to have low growing sumac.

Kurt on Grove expressed his concern about trees that have been cut down in the past and the damage that was done to Lakeview Road. He feels that cutting down the sumacs is not the answer.

Mary Katherine 7320 Grove said that she had attended a Board meeting to express her concern about the trees that were cut down on the bluff.

Bob clarified that the birch in the fireplace at the clubhouse came from a dead tree on the bluff.

Ben on Lakeview said that we need an inventory of the trees on the bluff.

Marissa on Juniper agrees that a survey of the trees on the bluff is needed. She would like the trees to be tagged and she thinks volunteers would be available to help.

Sandy said that she only supervised one section of the bluff. She asked the community not to villainize her for all the trees that were cut down.

Amanda on Lakeview is still upset about the cutting on Juniper. She thinks people should go down to the water and look at the Juniper bluff.

Bob reminded the community to be respectful of each other.

Jan spoke about erosion and how it is not site specific. She said that is why one place has erosion and another does not. It's all about the water drainage. She stated that the sumac does support wildlife and the ecosystem. She is not in favor of cutting all the sumac back.

Bob reminded the community that it was a Board decision to cut the Juniper bluff. It was cut according to the contract that we had with the company. It was not Sandy's fault entirely.

Lynn invited people to run for the Board. We are always looking for more people to run for the Board.

Reggie expressed his concern about the use of proxies. (absentee ballots)

Jan on Laurel thinks some people are afraid to be on the Board because you're damned if you do and damned if you don't. She suggested that if you want to complain join a committee. She would like people to work together.

XIV. Adjournment

Jan B. motioned to adjourn. Ben seconded. All in favor. (202625)

Upcoming Even

September 12, Board Meeting 9:00

September 19, Fall Fest 6:00 PM

September 26, Board Meeting 9:00

October 10, Chili Fest 6:00 PM

