

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ
LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes
Minutes for August 4, 2026 at 7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

A monthly meeting of the Lakes Management Advisory Committee was held on August 4, 2026 at the Island Beach Pavilion. It began at 7:30 PM and was presided over by chairperson Derek Jackson.

2. Attendees

Voting Members in attendance: Debra Dewing, Andy Hilton, Derek Jackson, Wayne Roth

Non-voting Members in attendance: Scott Dubnoff (Environmental Commission Liaison), Gwyneth Buckley (Student Representative)

Members not in attendance: Alpesh Amin, Lucien Foster, Jason Miner, Nikki Riley, Mike Russo, Tom Menard (Borough Council Liaison), Mitchell Stern (Borough Manager), Bob Schindler (Lentic Ecological), Kelsey Dages (Student Representative), Maxwell Hollick (Student Representative), Scott Minitier (Student Representative)

Guests in attendance: None

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on July 7, 2026 was made by Andy Hilton and seconded by Wayne Roth.

4. Old Business

- Princeton Hydro has been contracted by the Borough to create a report advising on the lakes, their health and any recommended treatment or restoration efforts. This report is scheduled for delivery at the end of the Summer in 2027. However, they had indicated that after this summer they may be able to provide an update on what they have learned and/or any recommended actions the Borough may want to consider in the interim. The Committee requests that a readout be scheduled with Princeton Hydro, along with a question and answer session. Andy Hilton noted he would try to discuss this need with our Borough Council Liaison (Tom Menard) later this week.
- The committee is waiting for a copy of the final version of the Lakefront Homeowner letter that was recently communicated to its target audience.
- Wayne Roth reported that the “Preserving Our Lakes” document will be printed by Magcloud with the help of Borough staff. Using this vendor will provide a roughly 50% savings of the previously quoted vendor. There was discussion about the volume and means by which the pamphlet should be distributed. For now, the plan is to focus on the “new resident” packet.

5. New Business

The Committee discussed opportunities to strengthen its effectiveness in fulfilling its charter and supporting the Borough's long-term stewardship of the lakes and surrounding watersheds. Members noted that successful planning and implementation depend on clear priorities, defined responsibilities, timely coordination, and effective communication among the Committee, Borough Council, Borough staff, and relevant professional partners.

The Committee recommends reviewing its charter, priorities, resources, and working relationships to ensure alignment with the Borough's long-term objectives for lake preservation and restoration. The Committee also recommends evaluating its meeting schedule, format, and location to support consistent participation and productive coordination among committee members, Borough representatives, and other partners.

6. Announcements

Next meeting September 8, 2026

7. Adjournment

Andy Hilton moved that the meeting be adjourned. Debra Dewing seconded the motion. The motion passed at 825 PM.