Lakeview Vikings Booster Club

Meeting Minutes- August 17, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order. Present: Max Gruenig, Lindsay Faulkner, Tony DeFrates, Beau Perez, Dale Goodrich, Rosalind Murray, Rebecca Velez, Emily Francingues, Damian Perrin, Mat Grau

The minutes from the previous meeting, as circulated by Leah, were approved by motion and second, with all members present voting in favor.

2. Executive Board Elections

The Board discussed and approved the following executive board slate:

- **President:** Max Gruenig
- **Vice President:** Beau Perez
- **Recording Secretary:** Lindsay Faulkner
- **Treasurer:** Leah Fischer
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Dale Goodrich

The full slate was approved by the Board.

3. Financial Report

The Treasurer provided an update on the Booster Club's financial position.

- Approximately **$38,113.72** is currently held in the club's bank accounts.
- Approximately **$20,285** in outstanding Booster Club fees/receivables was reported.
- Approximately **$39,000** in expenses/obligations was discussed.
- The club has already paid approximately **$13,000** related to previously approved demolition work.
- Approximately **146 families** currently owe the Booster Club fee. Additional families are expected to be added as fall sports and basketball registrations continue.
- Approximately **$4,000–$5,000** in payments have already been received and are expected to be deposited shortly.

- The Board discussed the funds previously transferred from savings and the current savings balance.

4. Property, Insurance & Capital Improvements

The Board reviewed several property-related matters.

- The removal of the batting cages was approved for approximately **$6,100**.
- Removal of the concrete walkway and pad associated with the new Field 3 was approved for approximately **$7,100**.
- A **28-foot extension ladder** was purchased for use at the playground.
- Property insurance limits were increased to provide approximately **$25,000 of coverage per light pole**, at an annual cost of approximately **$5,094**.

5. Fall Sports & Facility Updates

The Booster Club reported approximately **631 children registered for fall sports**, including approximately:

- 422 baseball/T-ball
- 102 volleyball
- 104 cabbage ball

The Board discussed gym and facility arrangements for fall programming.

- Volleyball will continue to utilize UNO and other available gym facilities.
- The Board is working with NORD regarding access to **Gernon Brown Recreation Center** for basketball.
- A substantially higher rental cost was quoted for basketball, prompting the Board to explore a partnership/donation arrangement with NORD.
- The Board hopes to utilize Gernon Brown for basketball on Saturdays and Sundays and will explore the possibility of operating the concession stand during games.

6. Frischhertz Contract

The Board discussed outstanding revisions to the Frischhertz contract. Lindsay is working to finalize and hopeful to be signed this week.

7. Baseball & Cabbage Ball Updates

The Board discussed registration, coaching, league organization and season scheduling.

The proposed fall season start date was moved to **September 14, 2026**, for baseball and cabbage ball.

Coaching remains the primary need in certain divisions, particularly:

- Baseball ages 9–10
- T-ball
- Cabbage ball ages 7–8

The Board encouraged additional parent participation and volunteer coaches.

The Board also discussed the structure of league leadership and the goal of transitioning league director responsibilities to individuals who are not serving simultaneously as Board members whenever possible. The purpose is to provide clearer checks and balances and reduce the workload placed on individual Board members.

The baseball/cabbage ball leadership structure will continue to be evaluated, including potential changes to age divisions and league organization for future seasons.

8. Travel Baseball

The Board discussed the current travel baseball teams and upcoming tournaments.

- Four travel teams are currently being organized.
- Several teams are registered for the same early-season tournament.
- Team information and financial accounts need to be updated in PlayMetrics.
- The Board discussed the possibility of a 7U travel team but noted that a qualified volunteer head coach has not yet been identified, as none have volunteered.

9. Sponsorships / Ballboards

The Board discussed concerns regarding the current Ballboards sponsorship arrangement, including delays in production and installation of sponsor signs and concerns regarding the interpretation of contractual deadlines.

The Board agreed to pursue termination of the existing arrangement.

10. JJC Sponsorship & Naming Rights

The Board reviewed and approved a comprehensive sponsorship proposal from JJC.

The total commitment discussed is approximately **$100,000**.

The Board approved moving forward with the agreement, subject to final contract documentation.

A future groundbreaking/recognition event will be planned in connection with the major park improvements and sponsorship.

11. Field 3 Improvements

The Board reviewed plans for construction of a new Field 3.

The project is expected to include:

- New field construction and improvements
- New outfield fencing
- Improved and taller backstop
- Larger dugouts with roofs
- Bleacher improvements
- Drainage improvements
- Related site work

The Board discussed an estimated project cost of approximately **$37,900–$40,000**, with funding anticipated in connection with the JJC sponsorship.

The Board approved proceeding with the Field 3 project.

12. Field Maintenance

Jonathan Dufrene is assisting with field layout and maintenance, including establishing home plate locations for several fields.

The Board expressed appreciation for his assistance and plans to recognize his contribution through appropriate signage.

13. Future Batting Cage Project

The Board discussed a potential future batting cage project.

A preliminary concept would provide approximately **36 feet by 86 feet** of batting cage space with concrete, fencing, netting, lighting and the ability to divide and secure the cages.

The estimated project cost is approximately **$40,000**.

No approval was given for the batting cage project at this meeting. The project will be evaluated further.

14. Movie Night in the Park

The Board discussed the upcoming **Movie Night in the Park**, scheduled for:

Friday, October 23, 2026

The Booster Club plans to provide free hot dogs, popcorn and similar refreshments for children while offering candy, Powerade and other items for sale.

The event is intended to provide a family-friendly community event and additional engagement with Lakeview residents.

15. Booster Club Yard Signs

The Board discussed providing Lakeview Vikings yard signs to Booster Club members, particularly new families.

The Board approved the purchase of approximately **200 signs**, featuring a Vikings helmet design.

16. Ice Machine

The Board discussed replacement of the ice machine at the concession facility.

A new commercial ice machine was quoted at approximately **$6,400**. The Board approved purchasing a replacement unit.

The new machine will be installed in the concession area, with the existing bin retained if appropriate.

17. Roof & Facility Repairs

The Board received an update regarding roof and facility repairs.

The City has approved approximately **$4,800** for fascia and soffit repairs but has not yet approved the anticipated roof repairs.

The Board is continuing to communicate with NORD and City officials regarding the roof project and will follow up on the status of the necessary approvals.

18. Booster Club Fee

The Board reviewed the status of the $100 Booster Club fee.

Approximately **46 families** had paid the fee at the time of the meeting. Families who have not paid will receive additional time to complete payment, after which registration access may be restricted pursuant to the established process.

19. Bylaws

The Board will circulate the most recent version of the Booster Club bylaws for review.

Lindsay will revise and board members will review the bylaws and propose revisions, including clarification of Board responsibilities, league leadership, expectations and operational procedures.

20. Communications & Registration

The Board discussed parent communications regarding team assignments and schedules.

The anticipated timeline is:

- Team assignments to be released by the **end of the week**, subject to completion of coaching assignments.
- Schedules are expected to follow the following week.

21. Other Business

The Board discussed continued efforts to establish a NORD volleyball program and other opportunities to expand programming and facility use.

The Board also discussed future improvements to the park and potential additional fundraising and sponsorship opportunities.

22. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.