

Lakeside Committee Meeting – November 17, 2025

Time and location: 2 p.m. EST, on Zoom

Notes taken by: Cece Ramsey

Attendance:

- **Committee members:**
 - Sophia Koval
 - Isabelle DeSisto
 - Christopher Branner-Augmon
 - Jan Ertl
 - Cece Ramsey
 - Clément Herman
- **University:**
 - Michelle Ruggia (housing)
 - Shawn Copeland (grad school)
- **ACC (American Campus Committees)**
 - Loydes Nieves
- **Residents:**
 - Nicholas Kalamaris
 - Lynn Hirose
 - Ruby An
 - Federica Carannante

Agenda

1. Updates on special election

- a. Deadline to nominate is this Wednesday. Cece will then send the list of candidates to Shawn (and cc Jan who will get all candidate statements posted on the website)
- b. Shawn will create the Google form for voting and send that out to residents. In the future, Shawn requests that we post all candidates at the deadline and not before.
- c. Committee response: Details for the election rules/guidelines should be included in the Constitution.

2. Gym refurbishment updates

- a. We got \$3000 from TigerWell (the max amount). Lakeside Committee will fund the remaining costs from the Committee budget (spending \$800 out of the \$3000 annual committee budget).
- b. Next step is to look at the new equipment (get a detailed list – from previous mtg minutes), and coordinate the moving in/out of equipment.
- c. Michelle: The proposal was for specific equipment and that equipment is being provided free of charge, but the things that Lo says have to be removed have to be removed. Lo would have a list of exactly what is moving in/out, and the move needs to happen quickly.
- d. Details on payment: the bill will go to Lakeside (Lo working with finance team), and Chris will make sure the TigerWell grant gets applied towards those expenses.
- e. Chris: About funds that were removed... news from Ellen, it was a legit transfer out due to an accounting mistake (chartstring error); a correction of a previous error from Jun 2024.
- f. How do we access Treasurer reports?
 - i. Shawn: recommends we ask Heidi Freeman and Ellen Kellich for all aspects of club/org finances.
 - ii. Clément and Sophia have already filed the forms but don't have access yet.

3. Garden updates

- a. Clean-up occurred on Nov. 16. Funds from GSG = food and coffee. Very successful!
- b. Clément sent Lo updates/requests regarding fence repairs.
- c. Lo sent that info to our landscape contractor. No timeline on repairs yet.

4. Book club updates

- a. Isabelle: Determined buying books is not a great use of budget. Trying to decide if ppl still want to do this. Attendance is low. Considering polling people and assessing interest. Tabling the club until next semester.
- b. Sophia: Residents are wishing for more frequent hang-outs and gatherings (knitting, movie night, etc.).
- c. Jan: Jan is the Community Associate for Lakeside (there's normally two!). There are potential funds available for Lakeside events from the CA. Possibility to integrate and advertise CA events more for Lakeside residents.
- d. Lo: The events in the newsletter → feedback is that students want more late-night events. Opportunity for the committee.
- e. Jan: We could have some kind of calendar to combine all the events and provide that to residents.

5. Social events

- a. Election for Social Chair coming up.

6. External relations

- a. No updates from Yiyi.

7. HVAC updates - neighborhood-wide overhaul

- a. Lo: No update, things are moving along. Possibly December?

8. Open forum (for residents present on the call)

- a. HVAC replacement took place in 311, but the ceiling is just a plastic board. Has contacted the office, requests a follow-up...
 - i. Lo: longterm goal is to replace those but the temporary ones are the current solution.
- b. Water damage in the kitchen for over 3 years in 311. People have painted over it, but it returns. Maintenance requests have been filed this semester, but returned that it was checked and there was no active leak.
 - i. Lo will follow up with staff and inspect 311.

9. Anonymous feedback form

- a. Water temps: water not getting hot enough during peak times.
 - i. Lo: any time stamps? Last week there was a water supply issue giving everyone lukewarm and not hot water. Should now be resolved. Affected 151 Taylor Ct and surrounding town homes.
 - ii. Isabelle: will notify residents.
- b. Treadmills out of order
- c. Damage charges after move-out. What are people being charged for?
 - i. Lo: this summer we began sending a list of charges from move-out inspection. Most frequent charges: cleaning and wall damage. For clarification, residents can reply to the email or appeal it.
- d. Complaint regarding late announcement of Bingo night. Events need more notice.
 - i. Lo: monthly newsletter gives the month events, and then send the day-of reminders. Willing to do additional reminders.
 - ii. Jan: in the newsletter you have to click the link to get to it, but just sending the pdf in the body of the email will help.
 - 1. Lo: unfortunately can't embed the pdf.
- e. Mail problems with stolen packages
 - i. Michelle: it's a problem everywhere. Notify DPS (call and tell them) so we have record of it.
 - 1. If you are the victim of a crime and you wish to file a report, please contact the Department of Public Safety Communication Center at [609-258-1000](tel:609-258-1000).
 - ii. Lo: we need to be vigilant and move things inside.
 - iii. Clément: will make a sign to remind residents to bring things inside.
 - iv. What about cameras?
 - 1. Michelle: University is very strict about surveillance. Recent survey was done, and no cameras were installed at grad locations. But there were temporary cameras put in place at other grad locations to help with an investigation.
 - v. Suggestion: request in-person pick-up.
 - vi. Michelle: students can work with package center in Frist
- f. Welcome guide for new residents
 - i. Isabelle and Cece working on it!

- ii. Michelle: check Survival Guide from Housing (what to expect in the Princeton community). There have been move-in packets and QR codes for service requests.
 - 1. Cece will email Lo to see the move-in packet.

Upcoming town hall:

Special election meeting: Nov. 25th at 4pm on Zoom

December town hall: Dec. 8th at 2pm on Zoom