

Marilla Conservation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026

I. Call to Order

Chairman Jim Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

- Jim Reichert, Chairman
- Jerel Bogdan, PE
- Dan Gerhardt
- Alissa Straus
- Wendy Schoenwetter
- Dan Santasiero

Members Absent:

- Jake Delude, Vice Chairman
- Shane Huston
- Erich Leroy
- Lee Dobbins

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Approval of the January 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Wendy Schoenwetter, seconded by Dan Gerhardt to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026 meeting.

IV. New Business

a. New Member Introduction: Dan Santasiero

- Introduction

b. Hemlock Information

c. Seedling Program

- Erie County Soil & Water Conservation District is holding their annual tree and shrub seedling program. Flyers are available at Town Hall and information is posted on Facebook.

d. Park Work – Wood Duck Houses

- Need to clean out wood duck houses. Preferred to be done in February so ice is on ponds. May need to use snowmobiles to get back to locations.

e. Town Hall – Bird Houses

- Two new bird houses to put behind Town Hall

V. Old Business

a. Solar Update

- Work is being done at the Two Rod Project
- Bullis Road Project had a 2.5% output in January (barely enough to turn the panels on site)
- Wales accepted a solar farm application for 13748 Big Tree Road.
<https://eastaurorany.com/articles/wales-accepts-a-solar-farm-application/>

b. Events

○ **Memorial Day – Saturday May 30th**

- Bands contacted for parade by Jeff
- Food trucks contacted.
- Band in the gazebo
- Porta-bathrooms ordered

○ **Fourth of July**

- Three day event. Planning is currently being done by Town directly. We may be asked to help.

○ **Ag Day**

- Planning to make event bigger.
- Increase in budget.
- Tents are ordered.

VI. Open Board Presentations

a. Healthy Lawns Initiative (Jerel)

- <https://www3.erie.gov/environment/healthy-lawns>

b. Erie County Environmental Management Council Meeting Update

- Jerel presenting on PFAS (forever chemicals)

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Wendy Schoenwetter, seconded by Dan Gerhardt, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 P.M.