

**MINUTES OF THE LAIRD FAIRGROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE
LAIRD TOWNSHIP OFFICE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colleen Alloi Ashlee Boychuk Noah Crozier
Brad Shewfelt Vasco Dias Justine Lamming
Chuck Siddall

SECRETARY: Rhonda Crozier
Road's Rep: Ed Lapish

Call to order 7:00 pm by Colleen Alloi, Chair

ON MOTION (No. R4-26) Moved by Justine Lamming, seconded by Noah Crozier
"That the committee approves the Agenda of April 14, 2026 as presented."

CARRIED

ON MOTION (No. R5-26) Moved by Brad Shewfelt, seconded by Justine Lamming
"That the committee approves the Minutes of February 10, 2026, as circulated."

CARRIED

Delegations:

Steve McBride from AHA attended and reported that the horse club would like the shoot on the arena extended one or two posts with a gate on the end. He also reported the AHA would like to rent the Gazebo along with the grounds on the weekend of Aug. 8 & 9, 2026.

ON MOTION (No. R6-26) Moved by Chuck Siddall, seconded by Noah Crozier
"That the committee approves of the plan from AHA and will proceed with repairs."

CARRIED

Business Arising out of the Minutes:

The committee discussed holding a Free Access Night this year and it is planned for Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. The council will be discussing insurance issues at their meeting on Thursday. Colleen Alloi discussed an alternative and is looking into it.

The committee discussed the horse arena drainage and it was reported by Ed Lapish that the arena needs to be reshaped with a little sand. Both Ed and Vasco will work on this.

The plans were discussed by the committee on a grant application from NOHFC for the kitchen and accessible washroom at the Gazebo. The project is planned for early 2027.

Ed Lapish to pick up the light fixture from the Co-Op.

It was reported that the NSAS will be purchasing 6 – 10’ gates to be used as a small pen. NSAS will complete this summer.

New Business:

The BYOB new rules from the LCBO were discussed. The committee is looking for clarifications.

The Caretaker Vasco will be off work from June 8 – 12, 2026.

Budget:

Passed By Council 2026	2025	2025	2026
Description	Budget	Cost	
OPERATING REVENUE LAIRD FAIRGROUNDS			
Laird Fairgrounds Misc. & Rent	8,175	4,580	5,000
Laird Fairgrounds Storage Rent	7,280	7,660	7,500
Laird Fairgrounds Raceway Contact	25,000	25,000	25,000
Total Recreation Revenue	40,455	37,240	37,500

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		

**GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES
LAIRD FAIRGROUNDS**

Laird Fairgrounds			
Wages - Grounds Keeper Maintenance	20,500	16,879	23,000
- Admin. Salaries & Benefits	7,000	2,677	5,000
- Roads Labour	8,000	13,572	12,000
- Summer Employee	4,200	8,070	7,000
Caretaker	4,000	455	4,000
Algoma Power Inc.	1,000	880	1,200
Mileage	1,500	967	1,500
Insurance	8,062	8,062	0
Maintenance (2026 Painting)			1,500
Maintenance Gravel			500
Equipment Repair	2,000	3,275	3,000
Supplies	2,000	2,479	2,000
Misc. Grounds (Animal Water)	1,000	2,307	3,000
Telephone	100	62	100
Total Laird Fairgrounds	59,362	59,685	63,800

The next meeting will be held at the Laird Fairgrounds on Tuesday June 16, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

ON MOTION (No. R7-26) Moved by Justine Lamming
"That the April 14, 2026 meeting be adjourned @ 7:48 pm."

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON: _____

SECRETARY: _____