MORTON TOWNSHIP

TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

October 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: PresidentDave Lewis

Attendance

*  Board members present: Helen Bailey , Jay Benivegna , Alex Betker, Sandy Brogan, Kevin Doyle, Dave Lewis, Kolina Mako, Al McNamara, Sue Parker, Dave Scott, Myle Turpen, Craig Wernette .
*  Attendance from the Tri-Lakes community: Norville Brown

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

*  Motion made by Sandy Brogan to accept August minutes, 2nd Craig Wernette – carried.
*  Request to correct the date on the September minutes to reflect September 2nd – following correction motion made by Helen Bailey to accept minutes, 2nd by Kevin Doyle – carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

*  Regular Checking Account - Sandy Brogan updated board on expenses paid of $450.00 in September. With no income generated in September, the balance in the regular checking account is $2,873.49.
*  Savings account balance of $19,810.97 which includes the following allocations:
  + o Save the Island Fund - $75.00
  + o Fish & Wildlife Fund - $11,374.78
  + o Gypsy Moth Fund - $4,786.84
  + o Legal Fund - $3,549.81
  + o Interest - $24.54
  +  Total of all accounts as of 10/1/17 - $22,684.46
  +  Motion made by Myle Turpen to accept the Treasurers Report, 2nd Alex Betker – carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

* +  Dave Lewis updated board that the permit has been submitted and we are awaiting test results to be finalized. Walleye planting is expected in the next 2-3 weeks. Once the date is confirmed it will be communicated to board via email by Dave Lewis.

Lake Improvement:

* +  Dave Lewis has completed the chlorophyll readings. Jay Benivegna gave an overview of secchi readings for the season. Results will be submitted and request to add to our website was discussed. Once final report is issued, it will be shared with board and posted on website.

Loons:

* +  Dave Lewis shared observation of four loons on Lake Mecosta – it appears that winter migration has begun.

Dam:

* +  Boards are currently all down. Myle Turpen shared a photo of dam level taken just prior to board meeting. Board discussion about the calibration of the measurement pole used to determine dam board placement – no action at this time.

Membership:

* +  Dave Lewis asked for a volunteer to chair membership as we currently have an opening for this committee. Anyone interested, please reach out to him to discuss. Sandy Brogan shared that current membership is at 199.

Recreation:

* +  Myle Turpen will send out the meeting date for the first golf planning meeting to be held in October. Committee will discuss fee’s and goals for June 13, 2018 and ask for approvals at the November Tri-Lakes Board Meeting. Confirmed committee members include of Dave Lewis, Lesley Lewis, Myle Turpen, Sandy Brogan and Alex Betker.

Communication:

* +  Newsletter Update - Review of upcoming newsletter content and discussion by board including the following topics.
  + o Sandy Brogan asked to proof sponsors advertisements prior to print.
  + o Sandy Brogan asked to review content surrounding gypsy moth and kid’s day fishing contest.
  + o Muskrat flags should be placed by November 1st.
  +  Website – Alex Betker – no update to share.
  +  Facebook – Kolina Mako – Muskrat information will be added to the page. Myle Turpen asked that we take photos of walleye planting and post on page.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

* +  Board discussion of damage that beavers have done around lake and actions private owners have taken to protect trees. Board will continue to monitor problem.
  +  Dave Lewis shared design options for the no wake channel sign and large Tri-Lakes land signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

* +  Discussion about maintaining the schedule for the December Board meeting – decision tabled to November meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

* +  Norville Brown shared his concern with the high speed of all terrain vehicles and golf cart’s around the lake this summer. He asked if the board could bring it to the attention of the township or road commission. Following discussion of the problem, the board agreed to add safety tips to the spring newsletter and Dave Lewis would write a letter of the concern to the township. The board thanked Norville Brown for sharing his concern and attending the board meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: **November 4, 2017**

ADJOURN**:**

* +  Motion to adjourn by Helen Bailey, 2nd Myle Turpen – carried.

Respectfully submitted by Myle Turpen – Lake Mecosta, Tri-Lake Board Member