MORTON TOWNSHIP

TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

July 6, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: PresidentDave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, , Myle Turpen , Alan McNamara, Helen Bailey, Mark Vrona, Craig Wernette, Alex Betker, Randy Walsdorf, Jay Benivegna

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Correction to minutes; Under new business – motion to pay the membership for the Michigan Loon Protection Association out of the fish and wildlife. motion, approved with correction.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: June 2019, Sandy, motion passed

Total Income $ 956.25

Total Expenses $ 286.72

* Discussion (question) on whether we have a gypsy moth fund and how much is in it. Canadian Lakes has a large problem this year. Spraying can only be done in the spring before the larvae hatch.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

* More walleye will be planted this fall

Blue Springs Subdivision:

* No new information

Lake Improvement:

* Progressive’s recent spraying has not been very effective. The milfoil is bad this year, a combination of the wet spring, high lake levels and employees stretched to far. More spraying is scheduled later this month. The subject will be brought up at the next Lake Improvement Board Meeting.
* Progressive will do another survey in August
* Randy had no further information on the chemicals for this meeting.
* The sign at the end of Oak Drive was taken down when the road was paved. We will need St. Ives (or whoever owns that corner permission to put it back up. There may be a permit needed. Helen will inquire as to the ownership and Randy will call miss dig and put the sign up when approved.

Loons:

* One of the juvenile loons was run over on June 23th. A witness states that it was done purposely, the DNR are now involved.
* The other juvenile was also hit and it injured but alive.
* There will be information in the newsletter informing members that loons are federally protected.

Dam:

* All boards as of July 1st are down. Water level is low but is rising, underground springs are contributing to the levels.
* There will be a new drain commissioner, we will need to discuss a new more accurate gage system.

Membership:

* We need a new chair and a committee formed.
* Around 242

Recreation:

* There were 3 boats that participated in the boat parade, every boat won a prize. Pictures will be put in the newsletter, on the website and Facebook.
* Discussion on establishing guidelines for safe boating practices and promote federal and state regulations for participating boats, including enough life jackets for everyone on board. Also request that the decoration materials be lake and wild life friendly.
* Suggestion to give each participant in the Youth Fishing Contest, to be held July 20, a fishing pole. Motion passed

Golf Outing update:

* Myle gave an overview of the golf outing; there were 130 participants and we raised just shy of $11,000. The rain barely held off but luckily everyone was in the clubhouse before the deluge hit.
* We feel that we have enough funds to plant walleye for 3 more years, since that is what we advertised as the reason for the fundraised. Other uses for future funds raised can be discussed at a later time.

Bass Tournaments:

* Permit information available on the mich.gov website.
* New legislation has passed requiring a Michigan recreation pass to park at the DNR launch

Communication:

Newsletter:

* Karen will try to get the newsletter out in time for the Youth Fishing Contest, otherwise is will have to be communicated through the website and Facebook.
* The newsletter will include a full page on loon protection and wildlife. Also included will be the letter from the president, information on the boat parade, article from the lake improvement board and all ads (there was one omitted and one not updated in the last newsletter).

Website:

* Visits up by 3,000. The IT committee will meet after todays meeting to discuss the transition to the new format and host site and report back to the board at the August meeting.

Facebook:

* No new report

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

* No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

* Alex, Helen, Mark and Jay will be up for re-election at the August meeting. Helen will be resigning. Dave will mention needing new board members in his letter in the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS:

* There has been an issue with participants in the bass tournaments speeding through the Lake Mecosta narrows. Mark will walk down to the launch and inquire about permits and give a friendly reminder.
* Discussion on inviting the DNR to the August meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

* Several visitors came to the meeting and expressed concerns, which are listed amoung the discussion points above.

**DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 6, 2019**

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