

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

October 5, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Myle Turpen, Alan McNamara, Mark Wrona, Jim Parker, Kolina Mako, Craig Wernette

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Approved with two corrections

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

Total Income \$ 130.00
Total Expenses \$ 375.88

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Planting fish on October 14, 8 am. Myle will contact our platinum sponsors to see if they want to attend. On all three lakes. Kolina will post it on Facebook

Blue Springs Subdivision:

- No new information

Lake Improvement:

- Jay took 10 sechi readings, everything has been turned in to Cooperative Lakes Management Project (CLMP), part of Michigan Lakes and Streams Association (MLSA). Jay is going to retire. Jim Parker and Brent Lehmkuhl will take on that responsibility.
- Does the Lake Improvement board consider the history of weed control and lake clarity when making decisions concerning the Tri-Lakes?
- Jim is checking into becoming a boat inspector. Randy was looking into a grant to get a portable boat washing station for the launch. Jim has been monitoring the boat launch, how many boats and trailers. Does Canadian lakes have a boat wash?

Loons:

- Adults are gone, seeing migratory loons, no one has seen the injured chick recently

Dam:

- All boards are up.
- Carla Miller is our new drain commissioner. A sign has been placed, by the county, attached to the concrete section of the dam warning not to canoe, kayak or swim over the dam. The main barrier is a log and if that deteriorates, a new structure would have to be built at significant cost. Both sides of the dam are private property, so portaging is not an option. Could we put a sign farther upstream in the channel to warn that the dam is ahead.

Membership:

- We need a new chair and a committee formed.
- Around 235

Recreation:

- The Youth Fishing Contest was held on August 17, after being rescheduled due to adverse weather. Cru Leyder was the overall winner. Each participant received a new fishing pole and a participation award. Fun was had by all.

Golf Outing update:

- Discussion on skipping a year or going to every other year for the golf outing. Other fundraiser ideas were also discussed; a motion to continue with the golf outing, passed.
- Myle will secure a time
- Support for changing our focus from fish planting and using the proceeds towards educational material (invasive species, wildlife preservation and water quality) and placing a sign at the boat launch.

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:

- The October newsletter will include the presidents letter and articles on fish planting, the youth fishing contest with photo's, muskrat trapping, gypsy moths, buoy permit information and gypsy moths. Notice of new legislation requiring a Michigan recreation pass to park at the DNR launch. Save the date for the golf outing.
- Drop off copies at the real estate offices stamped with complimentary copy and membership application page number.

Website:

- Karen will contact Alex to help.

Facebook:

- No new report

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion to cancel the December meeting, approved

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 2, 2019

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