

MORTON TOWNSHIP  
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

May 9, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance via Zoom; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Myle Turpen, Kolina Mako, Craig Wernette, Alex Betker

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: from October 2019, motion approved

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: October 2019 thru April 2020, Sandy, motion passed

Total Income \$ 195.00

Total Expenses \$ 239.24

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Beaver activity has caused blockage in deadstream on the west side of Blue Lake, on the Nestle property, causing flooding over West Blue Lake Drive. Dave initiated a solution with Carl Meissner to trap.
- \$7,703.55 was paid last fall for fish planting out of the fish and wildlife fund (golf outing fundraiser)

Blue Springs Subdivision:

- A tenant residing in Blue Springs Subdivision was told that a dock would be put in on Blue Lake for their use. This raises the question; who has the authority to enforce the consent judgment against lake access? Neither Morton Township, the Sheriffs department nor the Drain Commission has expressed any interest doing so.
- Discussion on the minimum frontage per dock rule, grandfathered properties and whether there was ever a determination as to the number of docks allowed before the consent judgment took precedence. The only avenue for enforcement might be through the DEQ. The first step will be to locate a more specific zoning map to prove the area in question was designated as wetlands. Sandy suggested looking into the wording of the consent judgment. We may have more progress with the new Drain Commissioner.

Lake Improvement:

- The Lake Improvement board has received \$90,000 for the 2020 program. Due to the social distancing laws Progressive has not been able to do any surveys or treatments yet this year, however cooler weather has slowed vegetation. Tony will write up a letter for the newsletter.
- All buoys are in place
- No CLMP testing this year due to lack of funding. Brent and Jay will be doing secchi tests again this year.
- The annual TSI (trophic status indicator) testing reports show no significant change in Blue and Lake Mecosta. Levels in Round Lake, however, have been rising. It has been noticeable in reduced water clarity and algae growth. Dave will find out if Tony gets a copy of the reports and will send him one if not.

Loons:

- back, but not nesting yet. The loon nesting sign has been placed at the entrance to the river

Dam:

- All boards have been up.
- Dave put two boards down with permission from the new drain commissioner

Membership:

- We need a new chair and a committee formed.
- Around 240

Recreation:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is still on until further notice
- The youth fishing contest will be scheduled for later in the summer.

Golf Outing update:

- Cancelled for 2020, but still planning on bringing it back next year.

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:

- Content to include: Presidents letter, treatment notice, ads, board meeting schedule, article addressing the new recreation pass requirement. Update from Tony at progressive, Lake Improvement board summary of the program, A thank you to the past and hopefully future sponsors of the golf outing
- Vicki at the township office is printing labels, Sandy will let Karen how many newsletter are needed, and pick up postage.
- Second newsletter out by the second week of June.

Website:

- A motion to table the purchase and implementation of the Wild Apricot platform, seconded, passed

Facebook:

- No new report

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- No new report

NEW BUSINESS:

- Safety has become a concern at the Blue Lake Island. Whatever action we could take would show lake residents that we hear their concerns. Dave will put in for bouy permits to designate possible slow boating, traffic patterns and swimming areas.
- Dave will also contact the DNR to discuss concerns with the launch. The sign is in need of repair and parking along the road has caused damage to rocks.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 6, 2020  
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