

Little Traverse Lake Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Friday March 19, 2021 9:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

Participating in the Zoom meeting were Directors Mason, Race, Skjaerlund, Shutz, Rankin, Verellen and Leanderson. Water Quality Committee members Gurthet, and Donatelli, as well as Ron Reimink, joined the water quality segment of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

Communications – Leanderson reviewed the communications received since the last Board meeting.

MURT Heritage Trail – Verellen reported that CR-669 will be repaved this spring. The Elmers bid came in \$22,000 lower than expected. Thus, there may be money available to add bike lanes to each side of the repaved road. Adding 6' shoulders would match the width of the new bridge over Shalda Creek. Verellen has had contact with Tim Stein and reports that Tim is open to discussing adding the bike lanes with the LCRC. It is estimated that the cost to add the bike lanes would be \$150,000.

Water Quality – A thorough discussion was held regarding water quality plans for 2021 and 2022. Ray Canale's report was summarized. He basically reports LTL water quality is very good and actually getting better. Updating the website with his latest findings was discussed. A PR email "blast" was approved to highlight Canale's findings. Canale's work is coming to an end. This is year three of the three-year study. His final payment of \$5000 is due later this year.

Ron Reimink reviewed his proposed contract and discussed the tasks and costs. His services are expected to cost \$14,834.

The Conservancy's future water testing program is unknown. WQ committee will continue to work with the Conservancy and enter their data into Ray's spreadsheet. Discussion was held on adding ecoli testing into our testing protocols. It was decided to add ecoli tests this year. There will be additional costs for this testing.

Discussion was held regarding the budget and funds required in 2021 and beyond for water quality, and invasive species (including a boat wash). It is estimated that we will need approximately \$31,000 to fund Canale's and Reimink's work in 2021. How to communicate with the membership and raise funds is a important factor. Kristen, Lou and Jeff will be the point people to work with the communications committee. It was recommended that a "one-pager" be created to explain all the facets of the water quality plan including funding requests. With this year's donations, all expenses should be covered for 2021. Kristen will send a copy to Board members of Ron's contract and a summary of any additional testing.

Shutz reviewed the status of the proposed boat wash. A \$19,000 grant was applied for that should be awarded by spring. Discussion took place on fund raising for the balance of the cost (approximately \$15,000).

Skjaerlund made a motion that:

- Canale and Reimink be asked what additional resources would be required to add more testing (ecoli)
- That we create a comprehensive package of tests for the future
- That the LTLPOA accept Canale's report and get member communication out as soon as possible
- That LTLPOA begin a coordinated fund-raising effort to support our water quality goals.

The motion passed.

Treasurers Report – Shutz did not have a Treasurers report because he had not brought it with him to the lake

Membership – It was suggested that Lou Gurthet be given the “three legged stool” award for all of his work for the Association.

Committee Reports

Water Level – Leanderson reported that Tim Stein has sent a letter to the NPS recommending that the Gosling report be accepted. Tim has not received a response yet. The lake is lower than it was last year at this time and is in good shape heading into the melting/rain season.

Swimmers Itch – Rankin reported that she attended a seminar on swimmer's itch sponsored by the State. There still is no known method to rid the lakes of swimmer's itch. The parasite is now known to be spread by mergansers and geese. Hunters did take out ducks and geese from our lake last fall. Best ways to avoid the itch is swim in deeper water, apply lotions, and do not play in shallow water.

Website/Directory – Leanderson reported that Jan Roddy is the website manager. All requests and suggestions should be routed to her. She will update the website.

Old Business – It was decided that no further action is needed in our support of the LCBOC septic system study.

New Business – The Annual Meeting will be August 7, 2021. We hope to be able to meet at the Township Hall. Shutz to get the Hall reserved

Volunteers are needed for the July 4th Fun Run. A request will be sent as we get a little closer to the event.

The next meeting is Saturday May 8, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.