

MORTON TOWNSHIP  
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

May 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis (President), Myle Turpen (Vice President), Karen Slenk (Secretary), Sandy Brogan, Al McNamara, Alex Henry, Martha Boetcher, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Joe Walsdorf, Craig Wernette

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion to approve the April 8, 2023, minutes, passed

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: Sandy: April 1 - April 30, 2023, motion to approve, passed

Total Income \$ 445.00

Total Expenses \$1,579.79

Motion to eliminate the separate interest(s) balance in the savings account and move the current interest and all future interest into the Lake Quality Fund. Seconded, passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Nothing new to report

Lake Improvement:

- Martha is in the process of going through the CLMP cooperative lakes monitoring program towards certification. Dave has been testing for chlorophyll and phosphorus. Myle will be doing secchi tests. Martha asked about testing for ecoli, which is not one of the parameters under CLMP, perhaps under the health department. Should testing be a consideration? How do they test for it, spot test on the shoreline or swimming areas, drinking water supply?
- LIB met on the 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss investment of surplus funds. Plan is to reduce the assessment but there are surplus funds. The decision was made to purchase a certificate of deposit for \$60,000 to be put into a 14 month CD at Isabella Bank. A letter of engagement was signed (put on retainer) with a law firm in Okemos, that specializes in aquatic consultation and lake communities with dams.
- Progressive AE will do a survey on May 25<sup>th</sup> between 11 and 11:30, there is room for someone to ride along.

Loons:

- Nesting, back in the channel looking for a spot, Signs are up do not disturb

Dam:

All boards are down, the water is about 3" low.

Public Landing:

- We have all the signs for the Boat Wash. Jim talked to Andy Saxton, we are at a standstill because the site plan is not completed, needs to be bigger footprint.

Membership:

- 278 current
- Mike sent out email reminders and renewal information. New form is in the newsletter

Recreation:

#### Golf Outing update:

- Two teams open, Rain or shine, more sponsors coming in. We are ahead of last year for golfers and sponsors. Still could use more raffle prizes.

#### Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

#### Communication:

#### Newsletter:

- Add; Recycling program to dispose of your boat shrink wrap cover. You can buy a bag inexpensively. Inquire at EMS. Add rain or shine to the golf outing article.

#### Website:

- Our payment option will transfer from PayPal to Cheddar UP on May 21
- Now that the LIB has their own website, only basic informational, like photos. On the spongy moth spraying -Any further inquires direct to the township

#### Facebook:

- Golf outing, mobile boat wash, boat parade, youth fishing

#### Audit Committee:

- Nothing new to report

#### TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- Nothing new to report

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- All Buoys are in, several have leaks, Dave has all the signs and will be putting them in.
- We have several quotes for director's liability insurance, the lowest quote is contingent on our not for profit status being current.
- Spongy moths are here, tentative spray date for May 19, contingent on leaf development. Dave said he would put out cautionary signs if the company makes them available.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on whether to purchase bags to put the Shoreline Living magazine in so Martha can leave them if property owners are not home, it was decided to just leave a card suggesting locations to pick the magazine up. Suggestion to leave them at the local realtors that are our Platinum Sponsors. We can have several at the golf outing at the Tri-Lakes Assoc. table. Send the Realtors an email asking if they would be interested in being a pick up point for the magazine for those who were not available during the door to door. The card will need to be in a bag. Should we put a label on the books? Discussion on which sample label to use.
- The distribution list will include all members and property owners in the spongy moth tax assessment district. Sandy will put together the final list for printing labels.
- Dave turned in expenses in the amounts of; \$51.44 for buoy supplies and \$195.67 for youth fishing supplies.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will be on July 1<sup>st</sup>, plaques have been ordered. Motion to take prize money; \$200 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$50 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and \$50 for a special judges award to be taken out of the "General Fund." Seconded, passed

- Discussion: The annual Arts & Crafts show at the Hixons/Antlers parking lot will be held on Sat Aug. 6 and Sun. Aug 7. Would we like to have a staffed booth? It would be \$55. We would have to have something to give away. We could include the Platinum sponsors information. Probably not going to get enough volunteers to staff on a weekend.
- Joe shared that ticks have been a problem, be watch ful.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No comments

**DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 10, 2023**

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