

Little Traverse Lake Property Owners Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday October 10, 2020 9:30 AM

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Zoom Meeting

Participating in the conference call were Directors Mason, Race, Skjaerlund, Shutz, Rankin, Verellen and Leanderson. Members Lou Gurthet and Julie Sutfin also attended.

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

Communications – Leanderson reviewed the communications received since the last Board meeting. The communications committee has created some bulletins that will be sent out to all members and interested others. Two of the first bulletins had been emailed to the Directors for their review. The committee will be using Mailchimp which costs \$120.00 per year. Leanderson requested the funds to pay for Mailchimp which was granted.

Treasurers Report – Shutz reported that we have a bank balance of \$28309.32. Outstanding expenses is \$4200 for Ron Reimink and \$895 for insurance. Ray Canale has been paid \$5000 for his services.

Membership – Leanderson reported that 76 members have paid their dues so far versus 87 for 2019.

Committee Reports

Water Quality – Race, Gurthet and Sutfin presented the Water Quality committee report and plan for 2021.

The Canale report for 2020 should be complete by March 1, 2021. The final report for 2021 should be complete by November 1, 2021. Data will be taken by the Conservancy. Other data collection will continue. Ron Reimink's enteric bacteria three year study is ongoing. 2020 is year one of the study. He will be testing 8 sites at the lake, wells, and septic systems using drone technology. The drone was delayed this year due to Covid. 2021 will be year two of the study. Canale and Reimink costs for 2021 will be \$23,000. Invasive species survey and drone study will be an additional \$6500 for a total of \$29,500.

In 2022, sampling will continue but Canale will not be involved. The committee would like to use John Ransom to do the testing as he has been doing it through Canale. The committee estimates an ongoing cost of \$5-7000 per year for testing. They would like to hire a Lake Biologist – Ron Reimink - at a cost of \$5000. Reimink's 2020 report is expected by November 30, 2020.

Shutz discussed invasive species. There are two parts to the IS strategy. One – Find the IS and Two – Keep Them Out. The Find part involves doing an annual physical survey and a drone survey. Cost is estimated at \$2500 for the physical survey and \$3000 for the drone. The drone may only be needed every two years. The Keep Out part involves installing a boat wash system at the County Park. Initial cost for the boat wash is \$34,000. Ongoing expenses are \$1500 for maintenance and \$900 for computer systems.

Wetland Solutions may be hired next year to remove purple loosestrife which has been detected. Cost is estimated to be \$500.

Lou Gurthet discussed 2021 and 2022 water quality budgets and fund-raising needs. For water quality and invasive species, \$29,500 is needed. We currently have \$19,000. We will need to raise \$10,500 to cover these expenses. Lou felt that this goal can be met. Discussion took place about future fund-raising initiatives. Could we raise \$250-300 from 80 members? Better and more communications will be important. The communication committee will start with invasive species to educate members and non-members on the threat. Plan is to use the winter on education and begin fund raising in earnest in the spring.

A motion was made by Skjaerlund to spend \$29,500 in 2021 to fund the ongoing projects with Canale and Reimink. The motion was seconded by Verellen and passed.

A second motion by Skjaerlund was made to approve his signing the Ray Canale contract for 2021. The motion was seconded by Race and was passed.

MURT Heritage Trail – Verellen reported on his conversation with Tim Stein. The proposed environmental study on the CR-669 spur has not begun yet. Fund raising for the section is underway.

Water Level – Shutz reported that there are two dams in Shalda Creek. One between TLR and CR-669 and a large one west of CR-669 near fish camp. The NPS has refused to allow dam removal until the Gosling report is finalized. Skjaerlund to check with Gosling on status.

Swimmers Itch – Rankin reported that the duck hunters are active. She has met the hunters at Swanson Preserve and resident's property. The hunters are taking ducks and geese.

Website/Directory – Leanderson stated the renewals for the domain name and website are due at a cost of \$200. Request for funds was approved. Directory will be updated sometime this winter. Another dues reminder will be sent out this fall.

Old Business – There was no old business.

New Business – There was discussion regarding using the name "Little Traverse Lake Association" in our marketing and communications. The official name will not be changed. If needed, we can file a "DBA" form with the State of Michigan.

The next meeting is Saturday November 7, 2020 at 9:30 AM via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.