

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

September 4th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Craig Wernette, Jim Parker, Randy Walsdorf, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Mike Burnard

Others in Attendance: Bill Watch

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion, Approved

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: August 1 – Sept. 1 2021, Motion Passed

Total Income \$ 195.00

Total Expenses \$ 146.02

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Dave ordered 1.500 walleye to plant in October from Stoney Creek at a cost of \$4,452 to be taken from the Lake Quality Fund.
- Bill Watch inquired about somehow collecting donations from Bass Tournament groups. Randy suggested reaching out to the tournament organizers to offer an associate membership for a small fee, promote lines of communication. Discussion on how to encourage interest in helping promote the health of the lakes.

Lake Improvement:

- Blue Lake Channel has been harvested. A large log was hauled over to the island. Navigation has been restored to the local traffic.
- Annual Lake Improvement meeting is next Monday, Sept. 13. 3pm
- There are large rocks need to be marked on the South narrows on Lake Mecosta. We can update our permit next Spring to include those.
- Discussion on asking the DNR to check on swim platforms and areas to see if they are permitted.
- Question: what would it take to remove the old pilings from the entrance to the Blue Lake Channel? That would be something to bring up at the lake improvement board for next year.
- Purple loosestrife: Progressive is supposed to do one more survey. Forms are available for private property spraying.

Loons:

- Both chicks are still alive, transients should be

Dam:

- All boards are down.

Public Landing:

- Boat wash was successful, the goal is to start a campaign to get a boat wash, Jim will research the different types, pricing, availability etc.
- Other goals are to restrict parking and education on Lake issues.

Membership:

- Targeted mailer for expired memberships, 10 new, 255

Recreation:

- Done for the year

Golf Outing update:

- Confirm golf outing date for next year

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- To include gypsy moth petition update, fish planting, boat wash, swim area info-permit link, DNR report number, presidents letter and trapping info. Season opens November 10.

Website:

- No new report

Facebook:

- Myle & Alex are taking over for Kolina. Bouy permit information

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Petition drive update:

- Public meetings; The township board will meet Tues. ask to put the resolution on the agenda to be voted on the following week at the board of trustees meeting, so the bill can be sent to the treasurer. Make sure that a survey is done this fall.
- All board members asked to walk the same route we did last year to prove to the board that there is a problem and report before next meeting.
- Discussion on whether or not we should pay for the fall survey, or offer to. Should we let the township process run its course or is there a need to be more pro-active. Does the township have the same committed timeline as we do? It was decided to allow the township to move forward but Dave will contact Neil to save a date for spraying.
- Table Zoom purchase

NEW BUSINESS:

- T-shirt fundraiser? Joan will investigate for a sale in the Spring.
- Discussion on buying a bare bones work pontoon. Mark will talk to Lakeside and Hansels. Dave will talk to Apex. Ask A1 for input on design and function.
- Motion to table the election of officers until next month. passed

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Discussion on a sign posted along the road, check with the sheriff department.

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 2, 2021, at the library

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