

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

April 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Craig Wernette, Randy Walsdorf, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Al McNamara, Mike Burnard, Brent Lehmkuhl, Alex Henry, Bruce Miller

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion, Approved with 2 corrections

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: Dec. 1— April 1, approved Motion Passed

Motion to transfer the \$75 that is in the Save the Island Fund to the Lake Improvement fund, passed

Total Income \$ 285
Total Expenses \$ 921.10

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Several beaver caught, a new tool for setting traps was purchased for Carl.
- Board members have been fielding questions about why we only plant walleye; because that is all the DNR will allow. They contribute to water quality. Alex will put an explanation on Facebook and our website. We can do a educational video.

Lake Improvement:

- Ice is off the lake.
- Phosphorous test will happen within the next two weeks. TSI (trophic state index) results from last year are unchanged. Round lake has a small decline. Dave is going to be a lead monitor, Myle is training, Brent would like to also. Secchi and other tests.
- New Buoys are ready to go in. Dave is ready to submit our applications for Buoys. New DANGER sign for the south side of Mecosta. Several are needed on the south side of the peninsula, Dave will buy more if needed.
- This is the year that we have to look at the budget going forward for the next 5 year cycle. Lake Improvement Board meeting will be held at 3pm on April 25. Lake improvement board determines guidelines, hold planning meetings, hold planning hearings.

Loons:

- They are back

Dam:

- All boards are up, until at least May

Public Landing:

- Boat wash:
- Sandy discussed a DNR/MSU extension webinar. There is a Grant program, to help promote the cleaning of boats to prevent the spread of invasive species. A PDF is available for promotional materials and signs. Sandy got ahold of Andy Saxton, cleaning tools can be attached to a post in lieu of a full unit, DNR has been doing these all over the State. His personal opinion was that cleaning tools was as productive as a full boat wash.
- The problem with our launch is a tight turn around area. We would have to put in an area that would make it more accessible. We need to have a meeting with the DNR representative to assess where would we put a new lane and possibly replace rocks. Also to compare the cost of a full wash unit, utilization and effectiveness.

- Sandy asked Tony if he has any experience with Lake Board funds to pay for boat washes. He doesn't see any issues with that as long as it was written into a pre-proposed budget.
- Suggestion to put together a meeting with the DNR, to help Jim. It would be good to narrow the focus, to come up with an agenda and a list of questions prior to the meeting. Zoom meeting with who ever would like to get involved.

Membership:

- Handful of renewals, 267 current
- Send letters out reminding of due dates and expired members.

Recreation:

- Youth fishing tournament will be held on July 16, Myle will arrange for trophies

Golf Outing update:

- Myle trying to confirm the June 7, 2022 date
- 11 paid teams, June 8, every board member is expected to donate a prize for the raffle.

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- Out before the end of May, (to the printer by May 14). To include: the presidents letter, treatment notice, gypsy moth update, add Bruce Miller as our new board member, meeting date changes and info on Links for the Lakes, boat washing events, youth fishing, Boater safety classes and the 5 year renewal process. Possible education on septic tanks and/or aqua blasters. PDF to be published on the Website
- Links for the Lakes edition out by the end of June. Boat parade is on Lake Mecosta this year. Joan to back up Craig.

Website:

- No new report, send stuff and issues to Alex, publish the newsletter.

Facebook:

- Myle has been fielding messages on Facebook. A new co-ordinator is needed.

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

Gypsy Moth Update:

- The township was suppose to send out a public notice, which will add yet to be determined extra cost. We will need advanced information, once we have an approximate date, we will need to inform our members. Webinar on Thurs. April 14,

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- By Laws Review: Where sent to board members for review. Change on page 1; "*Watershed and Surrounding Ecosystems.*" Last page; Auditing, Request for review by any member. The board will take it into consideration. Discussion. The board will form an ad-hoc committee to investigate.
- Discussion on getting an Insurance policy to protect non-profit. Myle will speak with a lawyer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Tri-Lakes flags, Myle is researching

- Riparian, extended subscription to riparian and MLS membership for several **years?**
- Motion to donate \$500 to the legal fund to cover filing a amicus brief in connection with: Lakeshore Group vs. Department of Environmental Quality, LP Docket No. 159524-5, Seconded, passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 14, 2022, at the library

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