

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

August 1, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance at Round Lake Resort: Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Myle Turpen, Alex Betker, Mark Wrona, Jim Parker, Mike Burnard, Joan Parks, Alan McNamara

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: July 2020, amendment made, motion to approve Myle Turpen, 2nd Mark Wrona, approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: July 1 — July 30, 2020, Sandy, motion to approve, passed

Total Income \$ 930
Total Expenses \$ 72.75

- \$ 1065 was donated to the fish and wildlife fund

Sandy requests \$324 from legal fund for farm bureau for our insurance policy. Motion Mark Wrona, 2nd Mike Burnard, Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Dave has contacted the walleye supplier for a quote for 1500 fish which came in at 2.90 per fish, we received a small discount which totaled to \$4308.90. Discussion: Reports of fish coming through from 15 inches up to 23-24 inches. Myle Turpen confirmed this mention. Jim Paker mentioned that planting brings fishermen to our lakes (tournaments and such). Should we offer to purchase or take over the public access from the state? Dave Lewis shared his experience in dealing with the state in this sort of matter is by trading land. Mark will join the boat landing committee headed by Jim Parker to work with Jim. He will compose a letter to offer at the next meeting as well as investigate who to contact about proposing.
- Mark Wrona made a motion to approve the proposal brought by Dave Lewis to plant 1500 fish for \$4308.90, Mike Burnard 2nd, motion passed.

Blue Springs Subdivision:

- No news to report

Lake Improvement:

- Progressive did a survey on July 21st and PLM did an application on July 27th. Jim Parker met the surveyor and learned a lot about the process. Myle Turpen also shared information she learned well, specifically that they can only treat in 5 foot or less for spray applications. Mark Wrona shared that for deeper water they do have a granular option. Myle shared that it would be beneficial to allow people to meet each time they come. Sandy Brogan said she could reach out to Tony and request that.
- Sandy Brogan mentioned that lily pad roots are floating down to the dam. She suggested that we should contact the drain commissioner to inform her that the dam may be compromised. Dave Lewis agreed to reach out to the commissioner.
- Lake Improvement meeting is usually at the end of August or September.

Loons:

- Loon parties are very frequent for mature loons without babies. There was a significant downturn on eggs and nesting in general this year.

Dam:

- Two boards down in June, 1 board down on June 28, levels have been normal to 1" high. Currently remaining at that.

Membership:

- Currently at 221, 43 expired as of yesterday. Myle Turpen offered to reach out to those who expired.
- Mike Burnard offered to take to over as Membership Chair and requested that he receive information so he can formulate a plan and invited anyone to join him on the committee.
 - Myle motioned to approve Mike at membership chair, Sandy 2nd, Motion Passed.

Recreation:

- Joan Parks reported that the boat parade was extremely hot. There seemed to be few participants, but it was fun and nice.
- Youth Fishing Tournament was very successful. A record number of participants, 11. A great time was had by all! It is becoming more popular!

Communication:

Newsletter:

- To Include: Boat parade results, youth fishing results, gypsy moths, recognize those who donated to the fish and wildlife fund.
- Third newsletter to be out by end of August

Website:

- Alex presented information about SSL. Mark Wrona move to purchase of the SSL certificate forward, Mike Burnard 2nd. Motion Approved.

Facebook:

- There has been a frequent communication on the Facebook page. A lot of people sharing their experiences and opinions as well as people just connecting.

Public Landing:

- Jim Parker has been in communication with the DNR representatives about signage for the parking situation at the landing. There are more boulders coming before the middle of August. Jim also inquired about what kind of signage we would be permitted to place there, and he will let us know when he finds out more.
- Mike made Jim's informational sheet into a tri-fold and brough copies for everyone.
- Jim also reported that the DNR officer has been writing tickets for those illegally parked very recently.
- Mike offered that people review the tri-fold so that we can move forward with printing. Myle suggested that maybe this printing come from our fish and wildlife funds. Suggestion made for a better aerial picture.
- Jim presented the "clean boat, clean waters" initiative.

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Gypsy Moths:
 - Photographs and personal accounts of gypsy moths shared.
 - Dave shared information he found from applicators around the state.
 - This year is too late to treat. The time to treat them is in May using the chemical BT, which the applicator needs to have scheduled by January. He also shared that the gentleman he talked to noted that we are in the 2nd year of a 3 year cycle.
 - Dave took our old assessment district plot and calculated how much of our district is treatable land which is 900 acres.

- It is not foreseeable that the state, county, or township would assist in a treatment. At the \$80,000 that needs to be raised. He suggested that if we would like to see the property owners would approve a special assessment for treatment.
- Sandy shared that we sprayed on a 3 year cycle the last time we had an infestation. She also shared that Stephanie McNeal was working on getting something for this purpose included on the ballot for this fall. We are not sure if that is possible on the current timeline.
 - Develop plan, send out public notices, etc. it is a long process and we are not currently able to host meetings for the township... it doesn't seem likely that we could formulate all of these pieces in time to add to the ballot
- Dave will attend both upcoming township meetings to collect information to relay back to us.
- He will also be sorting out surveying areas for the board members to search out.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of New Board Members
 - Julie Harris lives on Blue Lake and is interested. Myle nominated her and motioned for her to become a board member representative for Blue Lake, Mark 2nd. Motion Passed.
 - Directors up for Re-election: Dave, Karen, Myle, Al, Sandy
 - All accepted nominations.
 - Mark Wrona motioned to renew all said board members for their current positions, Myle 2nd, Motion Passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Chesley, Dwyer, Char-Lin and Cole Mortensen

- Cole Mortensen-Proposal to the Board
 - Would like to have a bagpipe concert on Round Lake On August 14th at 8pm.
 - He is asking for our support and advertising on Facebook and website.
 - Myle motioned to approve supporting Cole's lake concert endeavors, Mark 2nd. Motion Passed.
 - Cole to connect with Alex Betker about how and what he would like advertised.
 - We can add it to the newsletter afterward.

**DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 5th, 2020 at 10 am. Place and format to TBD.
Tentatively Round Lake Resort with appropriate social distancing measures in place.
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