

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

July 8, 2023 Approved

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis (President), Myle Turpen (Vice President), Karen Slenk (Secretary), Mike Burnard (Treasurer). Sandy Brogan, Al McNamara, Alex Henry, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Martha Boetcher, Randy Walsdorf

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion to approve the June 10, 2023, minutes, passed

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: Mike: June 1 – June 30, 2023, motion to approve, passed

Total Income	\$ 525.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,520.65

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report; Seconded, passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Dave will be contacting Stoney Creek for fall planting
- The DNR has records of all of our fish planting. Do we have a FOI (freedom of information) policy? Alex was contacted inquiring about our records. Tabled until the next by-law review.

Lake Improvement:

- Dave turned over all the samples for CLMP. Several inquiries were received on the website. There have been several treatments.

Loons:

- One chick on Lake Mecosta, the nest on Blue Lake was abandoned. Discussion on ordering signage from MLPA

Dam:

- All boards are down

Public Landing:

- Boat Wash; Dave contacted Andy Saxton with the DNR, we have approval to start the process. Dave will construct the signs. We want to have a billboard for our information along with the boat wash sign. Motion to approve up to \$2,500 out of the LQF to fund the signs, materials, tools, stencils and other building materials and to have the subcommittee meet and bring back a final list of material and cost to the next meeting. seconded, passed

Membership:

- 288 current,
- There has been a 20% take rate to receive the Riparian subscription with new memberships.
- Discussion on holding a seminar to follow up after the distribution of the Shoreline Living Magazine. Martha, Mary and possibly Julia expressed interest in looking into that.

Recreation:

Golf Outing update:

- \$12,129.22 final income, all platinum sponsors had on course representation.
- Put the volunteer picture on Facebook with another Thank you.
- Once Myle books a date for next year we can put it out on the website for sign up
- One of the benefits of being a platinum sponsor is to get a year of free advertising. Motion to transfer \$637.50 from the golf outing balance to the Lake Quality Fund to cover ad revenue. Seconded, passed.

Boat Parade:

- Great Success, Discussion on having a sign with a text number to vote as a way of promoting community participation. The lead boat will display the number and each boat will have a contestant number. Date for next year is; Saturday the 6th of July

Youth Fishing:

- Motion to approve up to \$500 out of the LQF for the Youth Fishing expenses, motion passed. Discussion on why the funds come from the LQF and not the general fund. Could we pass out some kind of educational material.

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- Boat parade; next years date and Blue Lake as the location, with mention of the text voting. possible seminar on shoreline guidelines, presidents letter, Lake Improvement Board update, boat wash, nuisance fall trapping. Find a way to add our Mission Statement, deadline for material July 29, to the printer Aug. 5

Website:

- Dates for boat parade next year, Blue Lake, recap from this year, youth fishing tournament, next year we will have spectators vote.

Facebook:

- Thank you to the golf sponsors

Audit Committee:

- Nothing new to report

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- Nothing new to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Dave will meet with Paul Zemer and discuss location of a new flag pole in the Round Lake channel. Dave proposed using an old buoy foundation fastened down close to the channel for easier access and maintenance. We would purchase a flat pole kit.
- We are re-filing several years of taxes to prove our 501c4 request is new. To resolve the issue of the fine.
- Liability insurance; waiting on approval for the 501c4 status. We can't submit the application until we have been approved. We have received a quote from Mt. Pleasant Agency.
- Martha only has several more addresses left to hand out Shore Line Living Magazine

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Dave Chesley; there is a deeded access next to his property that is an Air BNB. Discussion on whether our organization has any jurisdiction over rental properties. We could re-send the brochure to all rental owners to include with their tenant information. Dave can put something in the president's letter re-iterating our mission statement and where we can direct their questions to. We operate in a pro-active manner and not in enforcement.
- Discussion on taking down a sign that implies that the Tri-Lakes monitors W. Blue Lake Drive (Julia's)

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 12, 2023

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