

Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association

Approved on 12.09.2023 – Recorded on November 11th, 2023

Call to Order at 10:03 by Dave Lewis (President)

Roll Call – Those Present - Dave Lewis (President), Alex Henry (Secretary), Sandy Brogan, Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Myle Turpen (Vice-President), Julia Harris, Joan Parks, Craig Wernette, Martha Boetcher, Jim Parker, Bruce Miller

Those Not Present –Karen Slenk, Randy Walsdorf

Guests – Ron Judge, Jim Samuels, Laura Angera, Mary Schregardus

Approval of Minutes - Regarding minutes taken 10-18-2023 – Corrections to be made: Carol had attended via ZOOM and Joan had attended in person.

Sandy motioned that the board approve the minutes with those minor adjustments, Myle 2nd, Motion passed

Officers' Reports- Treasurer - Mike Burnard

Income – 120.00– 4 Memberships → 1 with Riparian

Payments– 9,460.50– Go Daddy Web Hosting, Cheddar Up/ PayPal Fees, Check to Stoney Creek for Walleye Planting

Full report available to view in Money Minder Pro

Myle motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Sandy 2nd, Motion passed

Committee Reports

Fish & Wildlife Management – Beaver and muskrat traps are out and will be checked soon.

Lake Improvement Report – Sandy - Annual assessment for lake improvement Will be reduced by 25% this year, collecting \$67,791.45.

Sandy reported that she investigated that private harvesting of lake weeds. She was informed that individuals are able to hire a harvester privately but is not recommended due to the fact that harvesting can spread invasive species.

Short discussion on who on the lake may have been harvesting or dredging.

Loon Report – Dave- Loons have moved south for the winter.

Dam – Dave- All boards up – Lake has lowered about 6 inches.

Public Landing – Jim - The boat wash looks like it's being used.

Membership – 275 in membership - some new and some renewal

Recreation

Golf Fundraiser: No Report – will begin conversations in January – Myle shared that it's important that we make sure to preserve our relationships with our sponsors as the RV Park proposal unfolds.

Boat Parade: No Report

Communication

Newsletter: Dave shared the President's letter – New Directors, Fish Planting, By-Laws Tidbit, Direction about RV Park, LIB Update about assessment, Website plug,

Aim to mail before December 1st

Mike reported that postage is going up to 68 cents.

-Mike proposed that we purchase 1000 stamps before the price increase. Myle 2nd , Motion Passed

Facebook: Continual sharing on updates from the township.

Website: Mostly RV Park Updates

Ad Hoc:

RV Park Proposal Committee:

Since the special meeting there has been no new news other than the planning commission meeting being canceled. The committee will meet after today's meeting.

Discussion on how the RV park conversation is unfolding in the community.

Sandy shared that there is an 18 - hour required notice for the township to post for a special meeting.

Discussion on the process and fees associated for submitting site plans.

Unfinished Business

Bouwkamp Donation – Myle presented pictures that she thought we might be able to utilize as a wall of recognition and asked for feedback → All thought it was a good idea

Sandy moved that we proceed with a plan for recognition to tri-lakes donors and sponsors, Joan 2nd, Motion passed.

IRS – Myle talked to the agent who is handling our IRS proceedings. No update as of yet. She expects a determination by the end of December.

Directors Insurance – Sandy reached out to Kelly Hudson from Mt. Pleasant Agency. We got a quote last year. Sandy inquired again about the requirements to qualify for their plan. As it turned out, we are able to move forward even while IRS stuff is still pending.

Sandy asked if we should move forward with coverage.

Myle shared that we should. All agreed.

Discussion about other quotes from last year.

Myle made a motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$700 from the general fund for director insurance through Mt. Pleasant agency, Joan 2nd, Motion approved

Replacement of Buoys – No progress yet.

President's Ex-officio Status – Dave made it clear that he would be willing to hold his status as president until the end of this fiscal year.

Myle moved that the board officially re-instate Dave Leiwis as president until July 31st, 2024.

Mike 2nd the motion/motion approved.

Shoreline Workshop –

Shoreline Workshop – Martha, Julia, and Nancy Lutke are working together.

Martha inquired if we, as a board, would be interested in providing monies for the shoreline project. Sandy suggested that we look into grant funding. She also mentioned that Lime Lake's incentives for Riparians to make their shorelines more environmentally friendly as mentioned in the Riparian Magazine last month.

New Business

Open Directors Positions- Introductions and Information from Laura Angera of Lake Mecosta and Jim Samuels of Blue Lake

Alex nominated Laura Angera, for the board position for Lake Mecosta with a term expiring in 2024, Myle 2nd, Laura Elected by unanimous vote.

Julia nominated Jim Samuels, for the board position for Blue Lake with a term expiring in 2026, Dave 2nd, Jim Elected by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

None

Next Board Meeting- 10 am on December 9th, 2023 at the Morton Township Library and via ZOOM. Please contact Dave if unable to attend.

Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 11:22 am
Recorded respectfully by Alex Henry