

MORTON TOWNSHIP  
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis at 10:16 am via ZOOM

Board Members in Attendance: Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Alex Betker, Jim Parker, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Mark Wrona, Mike Burnard, Kolina Mako, Brent Lehmkuhl, Craig Wernette, Myle Turpen

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Dave asked for comments on minutes from previous meeting. Sandy identified two errors and the suggestion was made to approve the minutes with the corrections made.

Motion to approve with corrections by Myle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alex, Motion passed

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:

Sandy: as of December 5<sup>th</sup>

Total Income \$ 00.00  
Total Expenses \$ 671.17

Motion for approval of treasurer's report by Mark, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kolina, motion passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Trapping: Dave reported that he and Carl Meisner have been trapping due to nuisance all around the Tri-Lakes.
  - 4 beaver and 16 muskrats total so far.
  - A complaint for Paul Zemmer that beavers are setting homes on Round Lake Channel → Dave is currently working on that situation with Carl.

Lake Improvement:

- Mark asked is anyone had heard anything about dredging in the outlet channel.
  - Sandy announced that there was a proposal from PLM.
  - Dave said he would be able to find a place to deposit.
  - Mark, Dave, and Sandy figured out next steps for finalizing things with the PLM contract.
  - Dave agreed to mark the loon nesting areas before harvest.

Loons:

- Have left for the season. We will see them in the spring!

Dam:

- All boards are up and will remain up likely until May.

Public Landing:

- Jim goes to the landing pretty much every day to check on things. He invited the board members to send him ideas for the board.

Membership:

- Mike
  - He and Julia have been working on an approach involving membership drive and engagement.

Recreation:

Golf Outing update:

- Golf outing is secured. Fees are not set yet as the course is still working on that piece.
- Myle invited the board to let her know if they would like to work on the golf outing.
  - She will send out invites for meetings beginning in January
    - Dave offered that he would like to be on the committee.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- Newsletter went out.

Website:

- Changes made. Walleye photos were not website quality so there were none to post. Letter from the president posted.
- Alex offered the idea to start an Instagram for the association
  - Mike mentioned that he and Julia have discussed the possibility of twitter in the membership involvement.
    - He offered that he would make sure they looked into that option more and would like to take that on themselves.
- To do: Add approved minutes to the website, stay up to date during the off season.

Facebook:

- Walleye photos were not website quality so there were none to post. Letter from the president posted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Dave received an email from Mark Klumpp (Township Supervisor) that the survey was being conducted but was behind schedule.
  - Sandy talked to Neil Swanson in passing yesterday. He said that the infestations in statewide and that he is behind schedule. He has already spent 5 days in Morton: He still thinks he had 3 days left of work. There are huge numbers of infestation everywhere and this area is at a level 9 in his opinion. He doesn't think the report will be back to the township until December. Early estimate is about 1000 acres that need to be sprayed. This is big. Because of the size of the infestations, he indicated that there would need to be three years of spraying before improvement would be seen.
    - Sandy also asked him if there were support for funds anywhere. He said, basically, no.
    - Discussion of a possible special assessment which would include circling petitions and such as a means of preparing. Again, this is big.
    - Sandy suggested that the township be asked to pay for the first spraying in 2021 to provide time for plans for raising money, creating a special assessment, etc.
    - Dave added that with COVID creates several hurdles for people.
    - Mark shared concerns about hurdles around getting people to commit to signing a petition. Dave agreed. Sandy mentioned that a suppression program would only touch 50 percent of the caterpillars.
    - Dave said that at the state level he considers this as a nuisance problem.
  - The last infestation we sprayed for gypsy moths over the course of 6-7 years.
  - Dave is going to try to attend the ZOOM township meeting to bring more information and get more information from the township.
- Lot 194
  - Jim: sent an email to Neil Colegrove reaching out for more conversation and connection about the topic. He said that his communication so far was that he suggested we as a group had an opinion that the property should not be in one person's name but he hasn't received contact back. He asked if he could get Neil's phone number. Dave offered that he would contact Neil.
  - Mark mentioned that he can't foresee the property being a liability as far as it failing.
  - Discussion: Dave asked for individual opinions:
    - All board members shared varying levels of concern for the well-being of the property as well as our place in responsibility as well as the liability. Nearly every board member stated the desire to find out more information on different options and what

form of control and liability come with each option we have before making a decision together.

- Dave noted that no matter what happens, it should be unavailable for docking. Stated that we would not be receiving an asset if we took it over, but more of a liability. He offered that it could be the same set up as the property that is along the road on M-20 on Round Lake.
- Mark mentioned there is another property on the lakes that is a part of a trust, suggested that we maybe look into that. We need more information.
- Sandy offered to investigate land conservancy.
- Dave said he was going to get ahold of Neil and tell him that we are still sorting it out. He also said he would contact Linda Howard and see what the possibility of the township or county owning it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No meetings for a couple months.
- Dave wants us to know that our emails are on the website and that means that we are aware that we available to the public which is good, but also scamming... so be careful, please.
- We need to make sure we respond to people immediately and quickly on our social media platforms.
- Dave will schedule a special meeting if something comes up.
- Mark to all: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 at 10 am...location and format to be announced at a later date.

ADJOURN- Adjourned at 11:23 am

Respectfully, Alex Betker