

Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association

Board Meeting

Recorded – September 14th, 2024

Call to Order at 10:06 by Dave Lewis

Roll Call: Those Present: Dave Lewis (President), Joan Parks, Randy Walsdorf, Martha Boetcher, Jim Samuels, Sandy Brogan, Julia Harris, Jim Parker

Those Present via Zoom: Myle Turpen (Vice-President), Alex Henry (Secretary), Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Karen Slenk

Excused: Laura Angera

Absent:

Membership and Guest(s): Bruce Miller, Bruce & Mary Jackson, Rob Bandfield

Installation of Officers: Motion (Sandy) and second (Bruce M.) to elect Myle as President for a one-year term ending in September, 2025; motion carried.

Motion (Dave) and second (Jim P.) to elect Randy as Vice-President for a two-year term ending in September, 2026; motion carried.

Motion (Joan) and second (Myle) to elect Mike as Treasurer for a two-year term ending in September, 2026; motion carried.

Isabella Bank: Motion (Sandy) and second (Joan) to allow only President, Vice-President, and Treasurer the authority to conduct financial transactions with Isabella Bank; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Regarding minutes taken 08-10-2024: Corrections to be made include: Fish & Wildlife Management: clarify that Dave will get a quote for half the number of fish purchased in 2023; Carl M. will be reimbursed \$120 from LQF; Public Landing: Myle reported on the tools and a motion was approved to purchase more grabbers from the lake quality fund. Motion (Martha) and second (Karen) to approve minutes with corrections; motion carried.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer's report: Mike reported income of \$435.00 and expenses of \$1,803.38. Motion (Sandy) and second (Myle) to accept the financial report.

Full report available to view in Money Minder Pro

Committee Reports

MTRFRD Report: Nothing to report.

Fish & Wildlife Management: Dave reported that the quoted amount to purchase 1500 walleye was \$5,883.00. The quote included a 10% discount, and the delivery fee was the same as in past years.

Lake Improvement Report: The Board met 9-9-2024. It was agreed to reduce the 2024 assessment by 50%. Other topics discussed include the possibility of completing a formal Lake Carrying Capacity study; invasive species, including Zebra mussels; use of a drone to map and treat a large patch of purple loosestrife in Dead Stream; this was Linda Howard's last meeting as County Commissioner; next meeting 4-14-2025.

Loon Report: All 4 young loons are growing and doing well.

Dam: All boards remain down.

Public Landing: Jim P. reported that MSU conducted two boat wash events in 2024, and are on the schedule again in 2025. Activity relative to Friends of the Lake will be covered under a separate committee report going forward.

Membership: 269 members.

Recreation: The golf outing/fundraiser is scheduled for 6-4-2025. A new pro at the Royal has not been selected.

Communication

Newsletter: The last newsletter of 2024 will be planned for late Fall. Contents include fish planting (Dave), Craig recognition & memorial (Joan/Myle), Lake Improvement Board (Sandy), trapping (Dave), Spongy moth (Dave, Sandy), recommended plants for shoreline planting (Martha), leaf disposal (file). Have content to Karen by 10/10/2024; plan to mail by 11/1/2024.

Facebook: Slower number of contacts in Fall; is this an appropriate site for lost/found?

Website: Put Friends of the Lake on the home page.

*Full Online Presence Report on MoneyMinderPro.

Friends of the Lake: Alex's name has been added to the Board. Myle checked into decals for the roof: \$135 for a black & gold decal. She also suggested a black backdrop in the case for \$50. She will laminate documents to protect them from fading. Motion (Jim P.) and second (Joan) to approve up to \$500 from the LQF to enhance the appearance of the Wall of Fame and its case; motion approved. Alex shared a letter received from the Bouwkamp family, and thanked Dave for all his work constructing the case.

Unfinished Business

IRS: Another letter, asking for an additional 6 weeks, was received.

Freshwater Future: Motion (Jim P.) and second (Julia) to approve \$100 from the LQF for membership in Freshwater Future; motion approved.

Lake Coffee Break: Martha presented the budget and a summary of attendance. Jim P. volunteered to help in 2025. Discussion on timing of the sessions i.e., day of week; would May be a good time? Include recommendations for desirable plants for shoreline in Fall newsletter.

New Business

Rob Bandfield was present at the meeting and is very interested in serving on the Board to give back to the Tri-Lakes area. He currently resides on the north end of Blue Lake, but his family has been property owners for decades. Motion (Myle) and second (Randy) to elect Rob Bandfield to fill the vacancy on Blue Lake, with term to expire in 2027. Motion carried.

Spongy moth update: Morton Township Board of Trustees declined to authorize additional funding to complete a Fall 2024 spongy moth survey, citing lack of complaints as the basis. Discussion on how to proceed; information on the lifecycle of the spongy moth, and how to identify egg masses to be included in the Fall newsletter. Members will be asked to submit information on presence of egg masses to the TLA email so the data can be consolidated.

Round Lake Vacancy: Bruce Miller is willing to continue on the Board while a replacement is actively sought. Motion (Sandy) and second (Dave) to approve Bruce as an interim Round Lake representative; motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Next Board Meeting: Next meeting October 12th 10:00 am at the Morton Township Library

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Minutes recorded by Sandy Brogan