MORTON TOWNSHIP

 TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

October 3rd, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: PresidentDave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Myle Turpen, Alex Betker, Mike Bernard, Julia Harris, Kolina Lundquist, Mark Wrona

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: \*Quorum came and went throughout the meeting due to some members being connected via ZOOM. No call for approval was made because we were not able to hold quorum for the entire meeting.

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: September 2020 Myle Motioned, Mike 2nd, Approved by the board (there was quorum at the time this approval was made)\*

Total Income $ 270.00

Total Expenses $ 618.44

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

* Stoney Creek may have fish for us.
* $4308.90 is the price for 1500 fish which we have allocated if the fish are indeed available.
* Myle requested notice for the planting so board members could attend.

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Lake Improvement:

* Tony reviewed our secchi test readings and determined that our water seems to be back to normal and we may have had an abnormal spring.
* Lake Improvement Board meeting on October 6th, 2020 at 4pm. County Services Building Conference Room F (North Building Entrance)
* Mark Wrona announced that he would be resigning from his position on the LIB.

Loons:

* On the move. Many immature enroute to their destinations and stopping by on their way through.

Dam:

* One board up as of September 9th. We are about one inch low. The other two boards will be put up at the end of the month.
* Blockage in the paddle wheel channel has been cleared.

Public Landing:

* No major report.
* Brochures are consistently getting out to public.
* Mark looked into purchasing it from the state and decided it is risky. Other board members are in agreeance.

Membership:

* 226 Members
* Mike is currently developing an approach plan.

Recreation:

Golf Outing update:

* June 9th, 2021 is reserved for the Golf Outing. We should expect fees to increase this year.

Bass Tournaments:

* Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

* Out early November or in time to inform members about fall trapping information and dates or before the holiday.
* To include: DNR phone number for reporting violations, date of the golf fundraiser, gypsy moth information, fish planting update, update from the Lake Improvement Board, membership update, trapping info, leaf disposal guidelines.
* Discussion on the possible hazards of using bubblers to protect dock. Concern was expressed over open water in front of cottages and the public launch. Dave will contact all property owners who use bubblers over the winter and ask that they use caution and put out signs to alert of possible thin ice, and a reminder of liability issues. Address Lesley Lewis.
* Add thank you to Cole Mortensen, Gypsy Moth Fund Donors and Fish and Wildlife Donors

Website:

* Hold off on posting minutes.
* Keep LIB meeting posted.

Facebook:

* Keep LIB meeting as event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gypsy Moths:

* Dave averaged the samples (450-500 per square acre is a rough estimate) and believes he has enough information to present to the township and request an official survey be conducted.
* Mike reported that many people were excited we were doing something.
* Discussion on possibility of the township/county moving forward with the actions by means of an assessment district. Hopefully the township would pay for a township wide survey.
* Julia share that she has talked to a tree specialist recently who would be happy to provide information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lot 194:

* Mecosta Lakes inquired about us receiving ownership of the property.
* Dave communicated with Jim Samuels who asked what our intentions are.
* Dave shared his thoughts as well as what Jim had sent to the board lieu of his attendance.
* Board members in attendance shared their thoughts on the topic.
* Much of the discussion revolved around protecting the lakes as well ourselves from a liability and financial perspective.

**DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 7th, 2020. Location and format to be announced.**

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