

# Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association

## Board Meeting

*Recorded – June 14, 2025*

*Approved – July 12, 2025*

**Call to Order** at 10:02 am by Dave Lewis

**Roll Call – Present:** Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Dave Lewis, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Rob Bandfield, Martha Boetcher, Laura Angera, Jim Samuels, Karen Slenk, Sandy Brogan

**Zoom attendees:** None

**Excused:** Myle Turpen (President), Randy Walsdorf (Vice President), Bruce Miller, Jim Parker

**Guest:** None

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Julia Harris, second by Rob Bandfield to approve 5.10.2025 Board Meeting Minutes with one correction: 1) change date of next Board meeting to June 14, 2025. Motion carried.

**Officers' Reports-** Treasurer's report\*: Mike Burnard reported total income of \$1,510.00 (memberships, Ad revenue and donation), and expenses of \$434.59 (Web hosting, Cheddar-up fees, golf entry team refund, plaques for boat parade and youth fishing contest). Motion by Joan Parks, second by Rob Bandfield to accept the treasurer's report as presented; motion carried.

\*Full report available to view in Money Minder Pro\*

## **Director Reports**

**Fish & Wildlife Management** – No report.

**Lake Improvement Report** – Lake survey completed 5.22.2025 and treatment completed 5.29.2025. The next lake survey is scheduled for 6.17.2025. Secchi disk readings, chlorophyll A samples, dissolved oxygen and water temperatures readings are being done according to recommended schedule. Water clarity is great – could be due to low boating activity, or zebra mussels, or both.

**Loon Report** – Blue Lake loons have one baby; Lake Mecosta loons are still nesting on Fickes Island.

**Dam** – All boards remain down since 4.5.2025.

**Public Landing/Friends of the Lake** – MSU boat wash was held Friday, 6.13.2025. Myle took photos for Facebook. Hopefully another one can be scheduled before the end of July. Mike will share the contact number for DNR if anyone observes overflow parking at the access.

**Membership** - 275 current members; 64 memberships expire 7.31.2025. Mike will email a list of all expiring memberships to Board members so each Board member can reach out to friends and neighbors. In the next few weeks, Mike will send reminders to all of those with expiring memberships

## **Standing Committees**

### Communication

*Newsletter (Julia Harris):* Karen would like to have the next newsletter ready by 6.20.2025; she is working now on golf outing content. Other items to include are July 4<sup>th</sup> Boat Parade, Lake Improvement Board update, Board member report (writer not identified). Comments about the appearance of the advertisement on the front page; the committee will look at possible modifications. The ad hoc committee, chaired by Julia Harris, will meet soon to assist with newsletter content.

*Facebook (Karen Slenk):* Karen has been posting photos from the golf outing and other items as she receives them.

*Website (Karen Slenk):* Karen mentioned that the Board meeting minutes have not been kept current; she can retrieve them from Money Minder. Ads also need to be updated.

### Recreation

*Golf Fundraiser (Myle Turpen):* In spite of the weather, all but 2 golf teams played in the event. The committee will have a wrap-up meeting 6.15.2025. Date for the next event is 6.3.2026.

*Youth Fishing (Dave Lewis):* Scheduled for 6.28.2025 with 6.29.2025 as rain date. Participants can register on Cheddar-Up.

*Boat Parade (Joan Parks):* Scheduled for 7.5.2025 at 4:00 PM on Lake Mecosta. Myle has Craig's trophy; Joan has plaques from Graphic Specialties. Motion by Dave Lewis, second by Joan Parks to keep prize money the same as 2024 (\$200 for first, \$100 for second and \$50 for third, with \$50 for the Craig Wernette memorial award). Motion approved.

#### Watershed Quality

*(Martha Boetcher)* Report by Laura Angera: plant coupons were handed out at the golf outing; 4 people came to the public access to pick up plants. The committee will have a "pop-up" pick up of plants on 6.28.2025. Committee continues to look at grant options.

*Coffee break:* Julia Kirkwood is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 10:30 AM at the Morton Township Library. The committee has posters to distribute for advertising, and would like to send email notification to all TLA members. They will also advertise the program on TLA Facebook and website.

*Score the Shore:* Survey of Lake Mecosta to be scheduled later in 2025 (July); notice to be included in next newsletter.

#### **Unfinished Business**

IRS – Letter received from IRS asking for another 90 days to review request an abatement.

Board Positions – There are 2 open positions – both on Round Lake, although one could be filled as a "float" position.

Freshwater Future - Since our Association is eligible to receive an hour of "coaching" from Freshwater Future (FWF) as part of our membership, Martha circulated a list of consulting options from FWF, and asked board members to indicate their top choices. Martha will ask a representative from FWF to provide more details on several of the topics, especially strategic planning.

Meeting Time - Morton Township Hall is available for use, and we could start the meeting at an earlier time. Motion by Rob, second by Mike to meet on July 12th and August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Township at 9:00 AM, if Myle can secure approval and arrange to get the key. Motion approved.

**New Business** – Sandy distributed copies of the Michigan 2024 Report "State of the Great Lakes", published by EGLE.

**Public Comment** – None

**Next Board Meeting**- Next meeting July 12, 2025 at 9:00 AM at the Morton Township Hall if access approved, otherwise at 10:00 am at the Morton Township Library

**Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted  
Sandy Brogan