

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

May 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Craig Wernette, Randy Walsdorf, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Al McNamara, Mike Burnard, Alex Henry, Bruce Miller, Mike Burnard

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion, Approved with several corrections

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: April 1 — May 1, approved Motion Passed

Total Income \$ 270
Total Expenses \$ 1,128.61

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- One last beaver was caught on April 29, last day of the season
- Water is warming, small fish are moving in, new bass beds

Lake Improvement:

- Mark Vrona will be stepping down as president of the Lake Improvement board, it would be to our benefit to have someone from our board to fill his position,
- The Lake improvement board scheduled two back to back public hearing meetings, one covering practicability and the other covering assessment role, August 11, 7 p.m. Total collected per year will remain about \$90,000. There is a surplus on hand of around \$30,000. Sandy inquired about using it to help cover the cost of a boat wash. It will be written into the purpose statement.
- Rick Butyen, Tony Groves will be retiring from Progressive A&E, Rick Butyen will take over. Lucas Arend will be doing the plant surveys, first survey scheduled for Thursday May 26 at 9 am. Anyone who wants to join can reserve room on the boat.

Loons:

- There are currently two nest, Dave and Leslie put up one "Loons Nesting sign" misplaced the other

Dam:

- All the boards are down
- Randy commented on high water table interfering with new septic system installations as a possible factor in deciding lake levels.

Public Landing:

- A group of board members had a meeting with Andy Saxton, from the DNR. Discussed boat wash parameters, possible new signage and moving rocks. He will draw up plans and bring it back to us. Looking into a waterless starter system, DNR recommends the 3D system.
- The DNR will be putting in a tracking system to track number of vehicle that use the launch. Standard is one parking spot per 15 acres of water. (46)
- Myle suggested a 3 part sign, DNR (state), Tri-Lakes information and an interactive map for kids. We can get educational sign material printed at MSU extension.

Membership:

- 274 current, The committee is looking at the list that will expire in July to reach out to those members.

Recreation:

- Youth fishing contest is July 16. Dave is buying prizes and will make medals

Golf Outing update:

- June 8, 2022
- Currently 30 out of 32 possible teams signed up. Sponsorships: 3 paid, 1 pending platinum, 8 bronze, 3 gold. Recognized on Facebook.

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- Currently at the printer. Links for the Lakes newsletter to the printer by the June 14th, to include, youth fishing form, information on boater safety class in July and the 4th of July boat parade.

Website:

- Send ads to Alex to be published on the website. Information on youth fishing, spray area map and spongy moth update

Facebook:

- A new co-ordinator is needed. Golf outing sponsors have been posted. Spongy moth spraying updates.

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

Spongy/Gypsy Moth Update:

- Township supervisor sent Dave an email. Targeting a window between May 23 and 31st excluding the holiday weekend to spray. Monitoring for peak hatch, 10 to 14 days out after that. Wind conditions have to be favorable. More info on the Morton twp. Website and Tri-Lakes media.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Discussion on getting an Insurance policy to protect the Tri-Lakes as a non-profit. Myle will speak with a lawyer. Pending.
- Bruce reached out to a lawyer, got a quote of \$500/year.
- Dave put out Buoys. The one on the North end of the island, was hit and sunk. Dave is trying to repair. Motion to buy a new Buoy if it not repairable, seconded, passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- In the interest of transparency and to follow by-laws. Dave would like to set up an ad hoc committee to perform an audit. Alex feels that that would create a good baseline to establish what the parameters will be and how often this needs to happen to be put in the by-laws. Myle for Mecosta, Bruce for Round and Julia for Blue Lake have agreed to serve on that committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: JUNE 11 , 2022, at the library

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