

# Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association

## Board Meeting

*Recorded – March 8, 2025*

**Call to Order** at 10:03 am

**Roll Call – Present:** Myle Turpen (President), Dave Lewis, Joan Parks, Martha Boetcher, Jim Samuels, Laura Angera, Sandy Brogan

**Zoom attendees:** Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Randy Walsdorf (Vice President), Rob Bandfield, Karen Slenk

**Excused:** Alex Henry, Julia Harris, Jim Parker

**Approval of Minutes** - Regarding minutes taken December 14, 2024 – Under new business, there was a lengthy discussion about the order of committee reports from directors and chairs of standing and ad hoc committees. Myle submitted a revised New Business section to clarify order of reports and reflect what our by-laws stipulate. Corrections discussed and minutes amended to include the revised New Business section with correction of the name of the Standing committee Watershed Quality; Joan motioned to approve amended minutes, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup> – motion carried.

### **Officers' Reports-** Treasurer

Mike -

Income – \$0.00

Payments – \$25.99 – monthly Go-Daddy fee

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

Mike noted that annual fees for Money Minder Pro and annual post office box rental are due.

Sandy motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

### **Committee Reports**

Fish & Wildlife Management – No report.

Lake Improvement Report – CLMP fee (\$720.00) and State of Michigan permit fees (\$2,625.00) have been paid for 2025. Meeting scheduled for 4.14.2025 at 3:00 PM.

Loon Report – Dave will refurbish the Artificial Nesting Island and re-locate to the southwest corner of Round Lake.

Dam – Dave raised all boards on October 20<sup>th</sup> and lakes are at winter levels.

Public Landing/Friends of the Lake – No report.

Membership - 273 current members; 118 memberships expire 7/31/2025. Mike has sent reminders to all of those with expiring memberships. Rob noted that it isn't possible to renew for multiple years through Cheddar-Up unless the auto-renew option is selected. Mike will work with Alex to try to adjust this. Mike will provide a list of all expiring memberships at the April meeting so each Board member can reach out to friends and neighbors.

### Recreation

*Golf Fundraiser:* Applications for the June 4, 2025 event were distributed to golfers and sponsors a week ago. Five platinum sponsors have already committed, and 11 golf teams. Board members were reminded that they should provide either a sponsorship or raffle prize for the event.

*Youth Fishing:* Scheduled for 6.28.2025 with 6.29.2025 as rain date.

*Boat Parade:* Scheduled for 7.5.2025 at 4:00 PM on Lake Mecosta.

### Watershed Quality

*Committee mission and goals:* Prior to the meeting Martha distributed a mission statement and goals for the committee. There was discussion of these various goals and action items; no decisions made. Discussion of the committee's name: Watershed Quality vs. Watershed Education.

*Coffee break:* Julia Kirkwood is scheduled for Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 10:30 AM at the Morton Township Library and noon at Lake Mecosta waterfront.

*Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program:* Will be reported under Lake Improvement Board

*Score the Shore:* Julia, Laura and Randy will assist with this project.

### Communication

*Newsletter:* Julia chaired an ad hoc committee to make recommendations to the board pertaining to changes to the 2025 content, advertising, and overall process for development of each newsletter, assisted by Joan, Sandy and Martha. Advertising recommendations were to include only ¼ page ads, priced at \$250 for 4 issues. This has already been implemented, as golf sponsorships include advertising and those notices have already been sent. Discussion to eliminate the Lakeside coupon in exchange for a free ad; they will be asked to pay the same as all other advertisers.

Vote on new advertising parameters, and Lakeside coupons, at April meeting.

Further discussion on paper vs. digital copies, and how to implement the change. Mike noted that prior surveys showed 9 out of 10 members wanted a printed copy. Further discussion on layout and content ensued, with no decisions. Karen is now available to meet to discuss this aspect further.

*Facebook & Website:* On behalf of Alex, Myle noted that Full Online Presence Report is available on MoneyMinderPro.

### **Unfinished Business**

IRS – Received another 90-day extension to review in January, 2025.

### **New Business –**

*Lake Mecosta 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks:* The family on Lake Mecosta that has been producing the fireworks show every year for the past 25 years is retiring and looking for another family or group to take over the show. This has been posted once already on the Tri-Lakes Facebook page. Discussion about how to disseminate the information; ask Alex to repost the original family post with a link to the family Facebook: Lake Mecosta Fireworks.

*MLSA Spring Conference April 25-26:* The conference fee is \$225 per person. Martha has already registered, and Laura has expressed interest in attending. Motion by Jim S., second by Dave to approve expenditure of \$225 from the Lake Quality Fund for up to 2 people to attend the conference (\$112.50 each), and report back to the Board their summary of sessions attended plus new materials and contacts made. Motion passed.

*Bills to pay:* Mike requested action on the following bills: Annual fee of \$308.24 for Mony Minder Pro and annual post office box rental fee of \$74.00. Motion by Sandy, second by Dave to pay both invoices from operating funds; motion passed.

### **Public Comment – None**

**Next Board Meeting-** Next meeting April 12, 2025 - 10:00 am at the Morton Township Library

**Adjournment – 11:25am**

Respectfully submitted  
Sandy Brogan