

Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association

Board Meeting

Recorded –November 9, 2024

Call to Order at 10:06 am

Roll Call – *Those Present* – Dave Lewis, Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Myle Turpen (President), Randy Walsdorf (Vice President), Joan Parks, Martha Boetcher, Jim Samuels, Sandy Brogan, Julia Harris, Laura Angera, Jim Parker, Rob Bandfield (Zoom), Karen Slenk (Zoom)

Those Not Present –

Excused: Alex Henry, Bruce Miller

Approval of Minutes - Regarding minutes taken October 12, 2024 - Corrections discussed and minutes amended; Sandy motioned to approve amended minutes, Julia 2nd – motion carried.

Officers' Reports- Treasurer

Mike -

Income – \$400.00

Payments – \$6,361.41 – includes Stoney Creek Walleye Plant

Full report available to view in Money Minder Pro

Sandy motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Randy 2nd. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Fish & Wildlife Management – Dave reported that Stoney Creek completed the planting on 10/29/2024 in all three lakes. Myle facilitated the planting and reported that the average size of each fingerling was approximately 5-6" and the plant looked very healthy.

Lake Improvement Report – Joan shared a photo of algae on Blue Lake, it was determined that this was Blue Green Algae. Randy discussed with the board the benefit of us having maps of intrusions on our lakes and is contacting EGLE for more information. He will keep the board updated on his research.

Loon Report – No update, as they have migrated.

Dam – Dave raised all boards on October 20th.

Public Landing – Myle has secured all the tools from the boat wash for the winter. Jim updated the board that MSU is planned to host the mobile boat wash twice next summer. It was mentioned by Sandy that the mobile boat wash road paint will need to be redone next spring. The Parker Family has contributed to Friends of the Lakes and will be recognized on the board at the boat launch. Myle thanked Jim and the Parker Family for their contribution.

Membership - 272 current members

Recreation

Youth Fishing: No Report

Boat Parade: No Report

Golf Fundraiser: No Report

Coffee Break – Martha shared with the board a preliminary plan for the 2025 workshops including 2 events – 1 at the library and 1 potentially on Lake Mecosta on the shoreline of Parkers. The board discussed advertising including signage, social media drops, newsletter and guest speakers. Discussion followed concerning the budget required to host these events and Martha agreed she would develop a specific budget to bring before the board for discussion and approval.

Communication

Newsletter: The last newsletter of 2024 has been published; Thank you to Karen for the work she has done with all of 2024 newsletters. It was Identified that the Coffee Break article was missed in the last publication which drove a discussion about editing partners, the amount of space allocated to advertising, content and cost of printing and postage. Following discussion, Julia motioned to create 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. Mike 2nd and motion carried. Julia, Joan, Karen and Sandy volunteered to join the committee.

Facebook & Website: On behalf of Alex, Myle reviewed the report found on MoneyMinderPro

*Full Online Presence Report on MoneyMinderPro.

Unfinished Business

IRS – Received another 60-day extension to review on November 5, 2024.

New Business –

- Water quality & shoreline -Martha recommending that we add a committee to address water quality and shoreline education. Following discussion, Martha motioned that the Water Shed Quality committee be formed, Randy 2nd and motion passed. Martha will chair this committee.
- Freshwater Consulting – Martha requested to invite Freshwater Consulting to join us for a board meeting; following discussion, Martha motioned to invite Freshwater consulting to an upcoming board meeting, Julia 2nd – carried.
- Randy shared with the board the possible option to use a monitor for water quality testing. Dave updated the board on the specific water quality tests that are completed each year and reported to CLMP. Following discussion, Randy agreed to continue to gather additional information and forward it to the board.
- Jim Samuels recommended Google for nonprofits to create videos to promote nonprofits.
- Julia brought up discussion about increased attention on the prevention of zebra mussels with aggressive boat wash programs.
- Mike updated the board on the topics covered in the recent Morton Township meetings.

Public Comment – None

Next Board Meeting- Next meeting December 14, 2024 - 10:00 am at the Morton Township Library

Adjournment – 11:35am

Respectfully submitted

Laua Angera & Myle Turpen