

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

March 6, 2021 (revised)

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Randy Walsdorf, Mike Burnard, Jim Parker, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Myle Turpen

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: approved

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: November 2020 – February 2021, Sandy, motion passed

Total Income \$ 195.00
Total Expenses \$1,030.05

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- There is a new beaver lodge in the Round Lake Channel. There were 6 beaver and 20 muskrats trapped last season.

Shoreline Permit Applications:

- No new information

Blue Springs Subdivision:

- No new information

Lake Improvement:

- Dave contacted MICorps' Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). Their 2021 fee structure has not been set for testing and recording of results.
- The Lake Improvement Board approved payment for the dredging of certain portions of the Blue Lake Channel. Sandy did submit and sign the contract. Dave will mark all the Loon Nest Sites. The board has approved up to \$5,000.

Loons:

-

Dam:

- Sandy talked to Mecosta County Drain Commissioner Karla Miller; the Blue Lake Dam is on the schedule for 2021 to be inspected at no cost to property owners.

Public Landing:

- Jim is setting up a Boat Wash Event on August 8, with permission from the DNR.
- Jim suggested a children's design contest for new signage at the launch.

Membership:

- Mike and Julia presented a very detailed membership plan. Thank you for all your hard work. Discussion on creating a Tri-Lakes Bulk email to send out a letter, use the gypsy moth communication to create interest in the Association and putting info out at the boat launch.

Recreation:

Golf Outing update:

- June 9 has been secured for the 2021 golf outing. We have 7 teams already signed up. At this point only 25 teams allowed due to Covid restrictions that will fill up fast and hopefully will expand.
- Tee Off for the scramble is at 11:00 am. Myle will send an email to board members with information to discuss at the next board meeting. A promotional flyer is not needed unless the number of teams can be increased and possibly not at that point.
- Sandy could keep a master list of sponsors to prevent them being solicited more than once.

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

- Karen will send Dave and Jim a vector copy of the logo

Newsletter:

- Out by mid May.

Website:

Facebook:

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Gypsy Moth Update: Before the Township will take action; it requires a petition drive resulting in 51% of landowners in person signatures, witnessed by the petitioner. The petition can be voided if there is a 20% pushback at a public meeting.
- Motion to commit as board members to participate in a petition drive passed the board members present today.
- Dave, Sandy, Mike and Julia have agreed to form a committee to form the parameters of the petition drive. Thank you!

TALKING POINTS: Education is key

- The estimated assessment cost is \$100 per year, per tax parcel #. This would be a three-year assessment, spraying for a three-year life cycle. The assessment is for all lots but not all lots will be sprayed.
- If adjacent areas do not participate in the spraying, there is no guarantee against re-infestation.
- We will need to re-survey the area each year to assess the problem.
- Canadian Lakes is not interested in participating
- Your property may not be sprayed but infestation could spread. Suggested survey area for treatment is 400 out of 900 assessment acreage and is posted on the Township website.
- The last line of the petition is misleading.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Last fall the board discussed worry concerning the use of dock bubblers. Dave distributed letters to all property owners who have placed bubblers in the winter.

- Julia checked into whether permits were required to place bubblers and/or thrusters in the Lakes. They are not required as long as they do not disturb the lakebed. Sandy will contact Tony asking for his opinion as far as creating issues for other landowners.
- Motion to reimburse Dave \$100 towards his subscription to the Pioneer to monitor public activity and county governance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 3, 2021...location and format to be announced

ADJOURN