

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

November 7, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Alex Betker, Jim Parker, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Mark Wrona, Mike Burnard, Kolina Mako, Brent

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: motion to approved, passed

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: November 7, Sandy, motion passed

Total Income \$ 90.00
Total Expenses \$ 00.00

\$4,308.90 to
Stoney Creek

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Stoney Creek planted walleye on the 14th of October, at a cost of \$4,308.90, they were distributed on all three lakes. There was a small mishap at one stop, which required welding of the dock to repair.

Shoreline Permit Applications:

- No new information

Blue Springs Subdivision:

- No new information

Lake Improvement:

- The Lake improvement Board meet on October 6. Tony gave a report indicating that our lakes are in good shape. There is still a balance of \$100,000 in checking account. The decision was made to reduce the tax assessment by 50% 178/89 for next year. Mark indicated that he would continue serving on the board, for one more year.
- Discussion on doing some harvesting and widening of the wheelhouse channel. Roots have been torn up and are creating problems. Tony gave us a quote of \$4,000 - \$5,000, cut to a maximum depth of 5', for the middle of July next year. Permits are required. The harvester will have to work from the public launch unless we can find another access site. Disposal cost are included. Dave will contact several property owners who have allowed disposal in the past. Dave is concerned with the timing of loon nesting, perhaps we can make arrangements to meet and point out all the loon nest sites.
- Sandy let everyone know, Carla Miller (drain commissioner) deferred the decision to those Lake Improvement Board members who live on the lakes; Dave, Sandy and Mark. Have several areas that are wide enough to pass otherwise one lane may be enough. The cottage owners on the channel do pay for lake front access.
- Mark mentioned some possible here work done in the Blue Lake Channel. He saw a barge going through lake Mecosta. Dredging Tara shores.

Loons:

- On the move

- Karen will put a note in the newsletter directing questions and concerns about loon to Lesley Lewis, our loon ranger.

Dam:

- All boards are up, buoys and markers are all out.

Public Landing:

- The DNR did paint a little invasive species reminder. People seem to be taking the pamphlets. Jim has been working with Andy Saxon, to have new signs made over the winter to help educate and hopefully enforce parking restrictions.

Membership:

- Around 227

Recreation:

Golf Outing update:

- Golf Outing scheduled for June 9,

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- Karen is in the process of collecting and compiling content.

Website:

- Add Walleye planting photo's
- September minutes were not posted because there was not a quorum.

Facebook:

- Add Walleye planting photo's

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Gypsy Moths: There will be a survey completed at township level. Then a petition for spraying, May and June may be a good time to circulate a petition. Need costs, scope. Etc.
- Put something on the website and Facebook pre-informing people. Simple bullet points, explaining the survey and what will happen. The survey parameters will include School section and Canadian lakes and a corridor that runs down through Mecosta assessment districts.

BLUE SPRINGS SUBDIVISION:

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Sandy, bills to pay. \$210 riparian magazine. \$30 to the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly membership and \$300 ML&S membership
- Lot 194. Dave will send out an email to everyone. To vote. Mark: significant amount of uncertainties, don't know what the upside. Jim: It seems that it would be better in our ownership than an individual. Look into forming an LLC and worth the hassle to investigate it. We need to involve a

lawyer. Sandy: the Tri-Lakes could dissolve. As far as liability, we as a lake association do not have officers or directors coverage. Sandy will check into the possibility and cost of coverage. Who controls or manages the LLC? We are not a fixed entity. Jim: Who should be the specific contact? Jim will finish the legwork and stay in contact with Neil. Alex: do we need to make a decision soon, is there pressure. We need to know more. Dave; is not for this idea. Alex; even if the county takes over the property, we should participate in the discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: December 5, 2020...location and format to be announced

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