

MORTON TOWNSHIP  
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

September 5, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Randy Walsdorf, Alex Betker, Kolina Mako, Alex Betker, Jim Parker, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Al McNamara, Myle Turpen

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: approved

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: August 2020, Sandy, motion passed

Total Income \$ 255.00  
Total Expenses \$ 81.49

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Dave spoke with Stoney Creek. The DNR did not collect eggs this year due to Covid 19, so there may be no availability. We will wait until next year to assure quality fish. A message to donors will be put on Facebook and the webpage that funds will be forwarded to next year.
- Reports on Walleye fishing have been good.

Shoreline Permit Applications:

- No new information

Blue Springs Subdivision:

- No new information

Lake Improvement:

- There will be a Lake Improvement Board meeting on Oct. 6, at 4:00, at the County Services Bldg., Big Rapids.
- Myle has fielded questions about what improvements were done to the dam. There was a one-time assessment of \$20 per parcel in the dam assessment district.

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 down; probably raise them the first of October.

Membership:

- Around 227
- Discussion ideas: Could we get more of the Tri-Lakes colored guidebooks printed to give to new members? Could we get association signs made that members could put in their lakeside yards for exposure? Our role as a liaison with the township sheriff and the Lake Improvement board.
- There seems to be some confusion between taxes designated for use by the Lake Improvement Board (weed control), and cost of membership to the Tri-Lakes Association.

Recreation:

Golf Outing update:

- Myle will secure the date for the "Links for the Lakes" 2021 golf outing.

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- Out early November or in time to inform members about fall trapping information and dates or before the holiday.
- To include: DNR phone number for reporting violations, date of the golf fundraiser, gypsy moth information, fish planting update, update from the Lake Improvement Board, membership update, trapping info, leaf disposal guidelines.

Website:

- Next Lake Improvement Board Meeting Date, fish planting update, great catch photo.
- Switching to an annual payment. Everything we purchase. The domain name is separate.

Facebook:

- Next Lake Improvement Board Meeting Date, fish planting update, great catch photo.

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- The gypsy moth outbreak is under discussion by the township board of trustees to form a coalition that would form their own board that could include other lake communities paid for by special assessment.
- Our board members where each given an area to survey for gypsy moth egg masses. Look under branches and on trunks of oak trees and buildings. If the township will not act in time for a next spring spraying, the Tri-Lakes could contact Neil Swanson and get an estimate. We could then discuss how extensive an area and how to divide the cost.

BLUE SPRINGS SUBDIVISION:

- There are currently 4 docks and 7 boats

NEW BUSINESS:

- New brochures have been printed and placed at the launch.
- The DNR has placed a new "No Parking Sign and are bringing in more rocks to help designate and limit parking spaces and fix the existing. This will give more ability to write tickets for illegal parking.
- Discussion on buying new electronic signage at the launch for extra visibility and add Tri-Lakes information to launch. Andy Saxon will give Jim guidelines acceptable for a DNR launch.
- Discussion on the possible hazards of using bubblers to protect dock. Concern was expressed over open water in front of cottages and the public launch. Dave will contact all property owners who use bubblers over the winter and ask that they use caution and put out signs to alert of possible thin ice, and a reminder of liability issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 3, 2020...location and format to be announced**

**ADJOURN**