

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

June 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance via Zoom; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Myle Turpen, Kolina Mako, Craig Wernette, Alex Betker, Randy (Joseph) Walsdorf, Jim Parker, Brent Lehmkuhl,

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: May 2020, motion to approve, passed

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: April 30 – May 31, 2020, Sandy, motion to approve, passed

Total Income \$ 810.00

Total Expenses \$ 763.01

- A thank you will be added to the website and Facebook for all the sponsors who donated to the fish and wildlife fund regardless of the golf outing cancellation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Several weeks ago a jet skier drove in between two swans, killing a baby. Dave and several others were witnesses. The DNR was contacted. While talking with Conservation Officer Josh Reed, Dave expressed other concerns, such as issues at the launch, the growing number of large high speed boats and safety around Blue Lake island.
- Kolina has noticed kayakers getting very close to the artificial loons nest in the Round Lake channel. Discussion concluded that it should be moved to a more remote area.

Blue Springs Subdivision:

- Nothing new to report

Lake Improvement:

- Progressive performed the lake surveys without notifying the Association so no members rode along. Treatment was done on Thursday, June 4. Brent spoke with PLM about other areas of concern, last year there was a major algae issue that he is trying to stay ahead of. PLM can only treat areas as directed. Any new areas have to be approved by Progressive A&E via Rick Butyen or Tony Groves. Progressive is the firm that hires PLM to treat.
- Discussion on what long term data is available on water quality and weed control. CLMP (TSI trophic static indicator) test data is the only long term data that is kept by the DNR, which has been suspended this year. Dave has alerted Tony to the algae problem. Also emailed him about the rise in index numbers. This has been the most significant change in ~15 years.
- Discussion as to whether we should be considering other companies. Jim suggested looking further into historical data. Brent asked as to the propriety of him contacting Progressive himself, perhaps creating a liaison. Sandy is going to email Tony and ask him to follow up on the algae sample that he was given last year.

Loons:

- Nesting in the paddle wheel channel no babies yet

Dam:

- All boards were up during the rain, but we still had 8-9" above normal lake levels. Dave put down 2 boards after levels receded.

Membership:

- We still need a new chair and a committee formed.

- Currently at 245

Recreation:

- The 4th of July parade will be held July 4th at 4p.m. on Round Lake this year. Sandy suggested that the route start at the north end of Lake Mecosta and then go through the channel into Round Lake. Motion passed, Dave will adjust the route map. Parade is for members only, a new banner will be ordered, prizes given. Craig will take the lead; organizing the boats, gaining information, judging, taking pictures and then handing out prizes. Thank You Craig!
- The youth fishing contest will be scheduled for July 18

Golf Outing update:

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.
- Recreation Passport requirement for the launch has been waived for this year

Communication:

Newsletter:

- To Include: Letter from the President, edited parade map, all ads, July 18 youth fishing contest, one new quarter page ad, Kolina will email it to Karen, boater safety class July 11, plant control update, high speed boating diagram, firework restrictions. Blue Lake island letter (shrink down the map and possibly shorten article for the newsletter) and possible loon safety information.
- Second newsletter out by June 20

Website:

- Blue Lake island letter, boater safety class, fishing contest, plant control update, high speed boating diagram, firework restrictions

Facebook:

- Blue Lake island letter, boater safety class, fishing contest, plant control update, high speed boating diagram, firework restrictions

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dave's discussion with Josh from the DNR included concerns about stones being moved for parking and the condition of the bulletin board at the public launch. Also addressing the possibility of applying for a permit to play buoys around the Blue Lake island. Dave has composed a letter and a possible traffic map. If Dave does not hear from Josh, he will follow up himself.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Public access, boat launch, Michigan grant money. Jim Parker would like to start a committee monitoring the launch to act as a liaison. The Public landing is the DNR's jurisdiction. It may helpful for Jim to join the Lake Improvement Board.
- Motion made to create a committee in charge of the boat launch and DNR communication, seconded, passed. Jim Parker was nominated and voted in as the chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- We Welcome today two new volunteers for the Tri-Lakes board. Mike Burnard and Joan Parks would like to represent Lake Mecosta and Blue Lake. Voting and installation will happen next meeting.

- Discussion on adding buoys for the entrance to the channel between Lake Mecosta and Blue Lake to our application. There are logs close to the surface that causing a problem.

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 4, 2020 (9am) on Zoom
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