

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

Oct. 8, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, President, Sandy Brogan, Treasurer, Karen Slenk, Secretary, Craig Wernette, Randy Walsdorf, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Al McNamara, Mike Burnard, Myle Turpen, Vice-President, Alex Henry, James Parker

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion to accept minutes, passed unanimously

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: Sept. 1 — Oct. 1 2022, motion to approve, passed

Total Income \$ 150.00
Total Expenses \$ 351.41

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Walleye Planting in still happening; Late October-early November. 3,000 fish total; 1,000 per lake.

Lake Improvement:

- Dave is interim chairmen.
- The second spray for milfoil was ineffective. Either plants are fully mature or chemically resistant. Areas to re-spray have been identified.

Loons:

- Migratory birds are present

Dam:

- Raised and then put back down. May change in the next week. We start lowering the Lakes in October.

Public Landing:

- Discussion on sources and requirements of grant money; **EGLE** grant money \$3,000, we could use that money for smaller items, stencils, flags. May be worth applying for.
- Discussion on which boat wash to buy. Dave pointed out that the boaters that would presumably use the boat wash, will probably not. Lets start with a cheaper version and work on education materials and a physical presence. Stage this over several years and work out a program. Use our social media and staff the launch during bass tournaments. Jim will reach out to Mark to get the specifics on “The Outpost,” model.
- Sandy asked a question about needing a permit. How will the debris be handled and disposed of.

Membership:

- 275 current

Recreation:

- no report

Golf Outing update:

- June 7, 2023

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- Newsletter will have info on trapping, buoy permits, proper leaf disposal, summary of the Lake Improvement Board Hearings, fish plantings, purpose and progress of the boat launch. Some topics may be in the president's letter. Trapping dates. Contingent on fish planting.

Website:

- Similar to newsletter

Facebook:

- Minimal to report

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- Nothing new to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- David Miedema, a Corporate Accountant from Holland, did an Audit of financial records from 1-1-21 to 8-31-22. Review showed that both Isabella Bank savings and checking accounts were verified with the Treasurer's report. Addendum to his report listed 20 checks without invoices, but only 3 of those checks were for more than \$500.00, which is what was requested. Nine of the listed invoices were for gypsy moth expenditures, and 4 were for cash (golf outing start-up money and boat parade prizes).
- Recommendation to put in writing the commitments and obligations for our Lake Quality Fund. Discussion on adding it as an addendum to our current By-Laws, which could be done just through board approval. Any specific items that are approved by the board are reflected in the minutes as to what fund it comes out of. Table it for now.
- Recommendation from the Audit: since the current EIN is inactive, we need to either re-activate the current number or apply for a new number. Myle Turpen will follow-up on this.
- Recommendation: Audit Committee to make recommendation to the Board as to what status to apply for if any. Apply for a Not-for-Profit Status 501c(4) That would allow us to accept donations, within parameters, that would qualify as tax deductible. The Audit Committee will research the difference between a 501c(4) vs. c(7).
- Recommendation: File a federal tax return for 2022 and future calendar years.
- Software Recommendations for Nonprofits from Investopedia: Money Minder Pro or Quick Books Essentials. QuickBooks Enterprise Non-Profit is not recommended due to unnecessary features and high cost.
- Follow up on bookkeeping software: Randy suggested that the person who uses the software choose. Sandy wonders about the need beyond Excel. Dave likes the idea of being able to manage reports, and membership role, Randy wants the least amount of time expenditure for the volunteer. Alex brought up points about sharing documents and combining tasks. Member access to a central file of information. Audit Committee will review software options and bring a recommendation to the full Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion to elect Mike Burnard as Treasurer of the Tri-Lakes Association with a starting date of March 1; Motion to have Sandy continue as Co-Treasurer until such time that the transition occurs. Passed. Motion to elect Myle as Vice President, passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Several signs and a buoy that has been hit need to be replaced. Tabled until next month. Jim suggested putting an American flag in the Round Lake Channel also, both flags should be lighted.
- Martha Boetcher was our guest. She has experience with non profit lake improvement organizations and is very knowledgeable on water quality. Discussion on more extensive water test and shoreline monitoring. She agrees with our discussion on starting with a lower price boat wash and concentrating on education and board presence.
- Sandy passed out copies of Shoreline Living. Should we mail these out to our members?
- Discussion on forming a separate outreach education committee.

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 12, 2022, at the library

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