

MORTON TOWNSHIP  
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

July 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Craig Wernette, Randy Walsdorf, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Al McNamara, Mike Burnard, Myle Turpen, Brent Lehmkuhl, Alex Henry, Bruce Miller (via zoom)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion, Approved with several corrections

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: June 1 — July 1, approved Motion Passed

Total Income \$ 475  
Total Expenses \$ 1,564.53

Motion to move the *golf outing fund* into the *lake quality fund*. *Seconded, passed*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Dave has contacted Stoney Creek and got a price of \$3.10 ea. More than before but we did not plant last year. 6-8in. Motion to purchase 3,000 this fall. Dave will get a quote for next months meeting.

Lake Improvement:

- Mark Wrona has stepped down from the Tri-Lakes board and as President of the *Morton Township Lake Improvement Board*, it would be to our benefit to have someone from our board to fill his position,
- The Lake improvement board scheduled two back to back public hearing meetings, one covering budget and the other covering assessment role, August 11, 7:30 p.m. Total collected per year will remain about \$90,000. There is a surplus on hand. Board approves changes to assessment roles. This is for the process of establishing the next five year plan.
- Myle has been doing Secchi disc readings. Water was churned up from the holiday weekend.

Loons:

- Both nests were abandoned this year. New pair

Dam:

- All the boards are down

Public Landing:

- A group of board members had a meeting with Andy Saxton, from the DNR. Discussed boat wash parameters, possible new signage and moving rocks. Looking into a waterless starter system, DNR recommends the 3D system. Mark from 3D systems and Andy Saxton are going to draw up a site plan and bring it back to us.
- Jim will compose a letter to send to Andy, How do we move this along? Does 3D systems have sample site plans.
- The DNR will be putting in a tracking system to track number of vehicle that use the launch. Standard is one parking spot per 15 acres of water. (46)

- Myle suggested a 3 part sign, DNR (state), Tri-Lakes information and an interactive map for kids. We can get educational sign material printed at MSU extension.

#### Membership:

- 289 current, The committee is looking at the list that will expire in July to reach out to those members.

#### Recreation:

- Youth fishing contest is July 16. 9 entries so far,
- 4 entries in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. We can revisit the date and time for next year. Can we coordinate with Barlows to have the parade at the same time as the fireworks. Information on social media as to how individuals can donate to the Barlows.

#### Golf Outing update:

- Revenue \$11,170, very successful, we play rain or shine. Dave set up a euchre tournament in case of rain. Food was spectacular, multiple bar tenders.

#### Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

#### Communication:

#### Newsletter:

- Youth fishing, boat parade, fertilizer rules, treatment update, out by August 22, to the printer on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Fall newsletter, early October. Possible article on up tick in thieves.

#### Website:

- Big Fish Photo, Keep an eye out for your neighbors. New blast on youth fishing, boat parade, golf outing results.
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#### Facebook:

- Big Fish Photo, There has been some thefts in the area, keep an eye out for your neighbors. New blast on youth fishing, boat parade, golf outing results.

#### TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- Nothing new to report

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Susan Allen, a Laywer for the National Council of non-profit recommended more due diligence. Her suggestion is to hire a bookkeeper; identifying bookkeepers in the area and inquire as to cost, average \$85 an hour. Dave Medema, Lake Mecosta, Out of Holland, MI. He has agreed to do it pro-bono. Works for West Michigan Office Interiors.
- Myle could get a quote on the purchase of a computer and quickbooks software. Dave Medema recommendations. Possible cloud service through Go-Daddy. Suggestions at next board meeting.
- Motion to purchase USB plug and play, no more than \$50.

Alex presented new changes to the Bi-Laws:

- Audits: Any Tri-Lakes Member may request an audit of specific association functioning. Said request will trigger the formation of an ad hoc committee, comprised of Directors, charged with deciding how to progress forward. Section 5; article 9
- Table Motion to accept the revised By-Laws to be presented to the Association at the annual board meeting. Three changes, second Saturday, audit, board of directors can attend meeting via Zoom.

- The audit committee will vote on adding the Article 6; section 1, Who shall be so elected by the board of directors at the annual meeting on odd/even years. Terms begin in odd years. Officers not board members.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Table Work raft (Pontoon)
- Nominations of board members. Randy, Jim, Julia, Mike, Alex, need a nomination to replace Mark.
- Commercial, general liability insurance \$324 annual, Club/Civic/Service/Social. Motion to pay out of the legal fund, passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Myle's granddaughter wanted to ask if we could change the no wake time for water skiing from 11:00 am to 10:30 am.

**DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 6, 2022, at the library**

**ADJOURN**