

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

December 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis (President), Myle Turpen (Vice President), Sandy Brogan (Interim Treasurer), Karen Slenk (Secretary), Mike Burnard (Incoming Treasurer), Craig Wernette, Randy Walsdorf, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Al McNamara, Alex Henry, Jim Parker, Bruce Miller

Mike Burnard was approved for a 3-year term as Treasurer.

Martha Boetcher approved as a new Tri-Lakes board member representing Lake Mecosta

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November minutes approved with 2 corrections; spelling of Mike Burnard's name and "com" to "come" in unfinished business. Sandy put forward corrections to the October minutes and resent them to the board. Discussion on adjustments to October minutes changes (see below).

Changes to proposed corrected October minutes:

UNDER NEW BUSINESS: Bullet #1; Corrected to say, "Discussion on someone to serve as treasurer of the Tri-Lakes Association. Dave said that he would be treasurer but would have to step down as president. Myle agree to be treasurer if she had a bookkeeper."

UNDER UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bullet #1 Dave ordered bouys from Amazon Bullet #3; Corrected to say, "Myle is working on getting our EIN re-activated. Bullet #4; Replace with "Myle is going to research nonprofit types. She will present findings to the board after we are assigned an EIN. The audit committee will bring forth it's recommendation to the full board." Last bullet: "Audit committee will review software options and bring recommendation to the full board."

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: November1 — December1, 2022, motion to approve, passed

Total Income \$ 435.00

Total Expenses \$ 419.36

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

Dave and Carl Meissner caught a large beaver on Blue Springs pond. There are others on their radar, also several muskrats.

Lake Improvement:

- November 30, 2022 meeting: Bids were obtained for Lake treatment application for the next five years. The deadline closed 10 days before the meeting. PLM was chosen, out of three companies, even though they were not the lowest bidder for several reasons; PLM does area lakes and are based locally in Evart, they knew our lakes very well, most of the difference in his bid was in the main chemical used for milfoil and the lowest bid was from a company that was just bought out by a national company.
- Jim questioned whether we have any data to suggest that the treatment program is having an effect. We do have a consultant that recommends when and where to treat and then comes back to review how the treatment works. Comparison could be made if you go back to the original reports from surveys.
- Discussion on having a website specific for the LIB. Budget limit of \$500 a year.
- Dave has been appointed as chairmen. Randy has been appointed as the riparian representative.

Loons:

- Migratory birds are present

Dam:

All boards are up for the winter

Public Landing:

- Jim has been trying to communicate with Andy Saxton to establish what the DNR will let us do. The site has been approved for a boat wash and the DNR will provide the site plan. We do not need an expensive unit, one small unit with washing tools. Discussion on monetary output and putting together an itemized list of what we would like to request for approval. A sign for educational purposes, markings on the road, and waste cans were suggested.
- Can we appoint several people to draw up plans for signage that he can present?

Membership:

- 276 current

Recreation:

Golf Outing update:

- June 7, 2023, Zoom meeting launches starting in Jan.-Feb.

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- 989-330-7573 change Dave's phone number. Send Alex boat launch update.

Website:

- Similar to newsletter

Facebook:

- Alex has posted some educational material, to try to drive engagement off season.

Audit Committee:

- Newly formed committee

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- Nothing new to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Dave ordered new buoys at a cost of \$600 from Amazon, he may need a down payment of \$167.94
- Using the money that was donated in memory of Burt Bouwkamp, suggestion to light up the flag in the Blue Lake channel. Jim will write Jaimie Wright a letter (person who puts the flag up every year) to ask permission to add a light. We would also like to add a lighted flag to Round Lake channel, do we need a permit to put up a pole. We would need permission from the land owner, Paul Zimmer (North Side of Channel).
- Board of Directors Insurance tabled until EIN and non-profit designation is established. The application to re-instate our original EIN has been submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Add Audit committee to minutes

- Gypsy moth survey reports success with the 2022 spraying but more applications will be planned. Alex will post it on our Website.
- The zoning ordinance committee will be meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Dave had sent out a copy of the changes considered. Mike feels that there is an omission of wording, or incorrect wording, as to when you need a site plan. Differentiate between what needs to go to the full committee and what can be approved independently. It would be beneficial for any board member to go. Julia will forward a link to a .gov tool kit that has helpful input on how to partner with government for riparian rights. Discussion on enforcement of ordinances on roadside stands
- Brent Lehmkuhl will step down from the board due to family schedule conflicts on Saturdays but expressed an interest in still doing something for the board, leaving a vacancy on Lake Mecosta.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- No comments

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: TBD

ADJOURN

MEETING MINUTES ADDENDUM: DECEMBER 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: By President Dave Lewis after the conclusion of regular meeting while quorum was still held by those present in person.

ROLL CALL: Those present in person — Dave Lewis (President), Alex Henry, Sandy Brogan (Treasurer), Julia Harris, Al McNamara, Joan Parks, Mike Burnard, Martha Boetcher

SPECIAL ATTENTION: Sandy mentioned the cost of postage was going to rise in January. Short discussion resulting in the agreement that purchasing postage now, before the rise in price, would be in the TLA's best financial interest. Dave motioned that the Board approve the purchase of 1,500 1st class postage stamps, seconded by Al, motion passed unanimously by all who were present.

*Addendum minutes recorded and submitted respectfully by Alex Henry