

MORTON TOWNSHIP TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes: November 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER at 10:05 am by Dave Lewis (President)

ROLL CALL-

Those Present in Person- Dave Lewis (President), Randy Walsdorf, Alex Henry, Sandy Brogan (Treasurer), Jim Parker, Julia Harris, Al McNamara, Joan Parks

Those Present via ZOOM - Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Bruce Miller, Craig Wernette, Myle Turpen (Vice President)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- Discussion on additions and changes made to *Unfinished Business* section of October minutes regarding verbiage referencing, the audit and the EIN number. Myle made a motion to allow for accurate revisions based on board member input and bring to vote at December meeting. Sandy seconded the motion - Motion passed.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Treasurer- Sandy reported \$0.00 in income and \$14.99 in payments made – Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Alex and Seconded by Joan – Motion passed unanimously.

Sandy also requested that we procure a signed statement from Dave Miedema. Myle agreed to inquire.

Myle stated that she will be adding the yearly ZOOM expense to the December report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fish & Wildlife Management – Dave reported that the Walleye have been planted 3000 fish were delivered in October at the price of \$9,031.20. Dave also reported that beaver traps were set near the Rod and Gun Club as well as Blue Springs Subdivision. Muskrat also set but there has not been much action. Planning to set Dead Stream in the spring.

Lake Improvement Board – Meeting Scheduled for November 28th at 3pm at the Township Hall – The LIB plans to review contracts for applicators for chemical treatments, appoint officers, and discuss obtaining a website.

Loons – All birds migrating at this point.

Dam – All boards were put up about three weeks ago and will remain for up for the winter season.

Membership – Current membership at 276 active members.

Recreation – Nothing to report

Public Landing – Dave presented his opinions for the CD3 options for the boat wash based on the information provided by Jim. Questions were raised about a-la-carte purchases and shipping charges. Together, the group decided that taking the “smaller is better” approach works best the Tri-lakes needs at this time. Following discussion of how grant monies could support forward movement. Sandy shared that for the grant we have been looking to, we would need to pay upfront and prove that we've done 3 education events, then we get paid back. Randy suggested that we aim for DNR buy-in. Jim said he would reach out to Andy to aim for moving forward together with the DNR. He is going to report to Andy that our goal is to install the roadside option with the various tools next spring. Jim is also going to find out what the timeline for ordering the items would be. Last he checked in it seemed that it would take only a few weeks to arrive.

Communication –

Newsletters – Karen has submitted an initial draft of the next Newsletter. There may need to be additions based on new information. Alex requested that all pieces of information from the Newsletter that should be added to socials be sent to her for uploading.

Facebook – Alex reported slow activity other than the post about the Fish Planting, which is normal for this time of year. Randy asked if there is a way to combine community Facebook groups under the umbrella of the Tri-lakes. Alex agreed to look into possibilities.

Website – Alex to update minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Replacement of Signs and Buoys –

Signs - Dave shared that 6 signs need to be replaced as the cost of \$125 per sign. Randy suggested that we replace all 9 signs since most of them were in dire need anyway. Randy made a motion that we approve up to \$1500 to replace all signs. Jim seconded. Motion passed. Sandy motioned to amend that these funds come specifically from the Lake Quality Fund. Jim seconded. Amendment to motion passed.

Jim brought up the topic of the flagpole on Blue Lake Channel be maintained and lit at night. He also suggested that we consider adding a flagpole to the Round Lake Channel. Dave and Jim agreed to collect more information to discuss at the December meeting.

Buoys – Dave proposed that we replace the 4 buoys on the east side of Lake Mecosta between the islands with new larger buoys for safety reasons. Sandy motioned that we approve up to \$200 for the purchase of said buoys. Jim seconded - Motion passed.

*Myle informed everyone that the SS-4 application for the Association's EIN number has been submitted.

*Dave is going to reach out to Martha regarding the open board member space for Lake Mecosta as she has expressed some interest in joining the board.

*It was mentioned that Brent has missed 3 board meetings in a row.

*Myle informed the board that she and Dave (Lewis) sent a thank you to Dave Miedema for his detailed and thorough work.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Officers and Directors Insurance – Discussion on procuring an additional policy. Many shared neutral standing. Others share reasons why it would be in our best interest. Ultimately, all agreed that it would be in our best interest to get the policy. Several policies and prices were shared. Bruce shared that it would be best to work with the agency that has continued to support our associations fundraising endeavors. All agreed. Sandy agreed will reach out to Kelly to find out specifics per Julia's request. It was also mentioned that we would need to complete our NFP and confirm EIN to get the \$450 per year for \$1 million of coverage quoted. Otherwise, the rate it raised. It was also mentioned that this purchase should likely come from the legal fund. Following discussion on dues structure needing to change in favor of supporting operating budget.

Bouwkamp Donation- The family of Burt Bouwkamp made a memorial donation of \$300. Discussion on how to thank the family and acknowledge the donation. (Facebook, Newsletter, Signage) Jim said that he would ask the family how they would like the generous donation in Burt's honor to be acknowledged.

*Julia mentioned that we do not have a lake representative on the township planning commission. Mike volunteered to take the position if it's still available. Dave agreed to contact Mark Klumpp regarding Mike's offer.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING-12-10-2022. 10 Am. Place: Morton Township Library and on Zoom. Please contact Dave if unable to attend.

ADJOURN- Motion to adjourn by Jim, seconded by Joan. Meeting Adjourned at 11:56 am

Minutes recorded and submitted respectfully by Alex Henry