

MORTON TOWNSHIP
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

July 4, 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, Mark Wrona, Jim Parker, Brent Lehmkuhl, Mike Burnard, Joan Parks

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

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: May 31 — June 30, 2020, Sandy, motion to approve, passed

Total Income \$ 915
Total Expenses \$ 441.19

- \$385 was donated to the fish and wildlife fund

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Dave has contacted Stoney Creek to inquire about fish planting this fall. Motion to approve \$1,500 for a down payment from the fish and wildlife fund, seconded, approved. Will finalize details in August

Blue Springs Subdivision:

- Nothing new to report

Lake Improvement:

- Progressive plans on doing another survey later in July, not sure about later treatment. Sandy will email and confirm that a board member will be able to ride along on the survey.
- Dave Scott reported a problem with Chara on the South end of Round Lake. It is helpful to when Lakefront property owners report areas of concern to Progressive via the link on our Facebook page.
- There has been some plants causing issues on the South end of Lake Mecosta between the launch and the canal. Mark will pull some of the weeds and bring in for evaluation.

Loons:

- No chicks this year

Dam:

- Two boards down in June, 1 board down on June 28, levels have been normal to 1" high

Membership:

- We still need a new chair and a committee formed.
- Currently at 259
- Discussion on putting a Tri-Lake Association sign in every board members yard. There may be issues with local ordinances, maybe if the signs were non permanent like election signs.

Recreation:

- The 4th of July parade will be held this afternoon at 4:00. The route will start at the north end of Lake Mecosta and then go through the channel into Round Lake. Craig and Joan will take the lead; organizing the boats, gaining information, judging, taking pictures and then handing out prizes. Joan Parks has agreed to help. Sandy has the cash prizes and plaques.

- The youth fishing contest is scheduled for July 18

Golf Outing update:

- Nothing to report until next year

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- To Include: Letter from the President, all ads, July 18 youth fishing contest photo's and winners, boat parade photo's and winner information and gypsy moth update.
- Third newsletter to be out by end of August

Website:

- Alex will be updating as needed

Facebook:

- There has been a complaint received addressing an alleged trespassing incident. This does not fall under the Tri-Lakes Association jurisdiction. Kolina will respond by directing the resident to contact law enforcement directly.

Public Landing:

- Jim Parker got ahold of Andy Saxson, supervisor of the Clair DNR office, he will work with Jim on updating the billboard and putting up parking signs. Jim has been passing out flyers concerning rules of the lake, boat washing/evasive species etc. He will send the info to Karen to work toward a brochure that can be printed and possible put a box on the bulletin board to refill as needed. Myle suggested an election type sign. Dave will check on township ordinances.
- The DNR number to report all poaching and illegal activity is 1-800-292-7800. Report all possible dock ordinance violations to the Morton township office.

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Dave's application to put buoys around Blue Lake Island was denied. Lt Joe Molner from the DNR said he would do his best to get an officer(s) here today (July 4th).

NEW BUSINESS:

- There have been a lot of gypsy moth sightings being reported. There is nothing we can do this year. There is only one applicator in the State that handles treatment. Dave estimated that arial spray may cost \$150/acre. We do have over \$4,000 in our gypsy moth fund.
- Discussion on organizing survey this fall to determine areas of density and where there is a need to spray. This will have to be scheduled in the spring, because the specific chemical only has a 30 day shelf life and has to be scheduled for production in advance. All board members will be asked to cover an area.
- Concern as to whether boat owners are dumping winter anti-freeze into the lakes in the spring. Discussion on recognizing the difference between ignorance and deliberate behavior. This topic can be addressed through educational materials.

- Elections next month: Dave Lewis, Karen Slenk, Sandy Brogan, Myle Turpen, Al McNamara

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 1, 2020. Sandy will contact the township office to see if we can use the meeting room there.

MOTION TO ADJOURN