

Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association

Recorded - Special Meeting Minutes- October 28th, 2023

Call to Order at 10:03 by Dave Lewis (President)

Roll Call – Those Present - Dave Lewis (President), Randy Walsdorf, Alex Henry (Secretary), Sandy Brogan, Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Myle Turpen (Vice-President), Julia Harris, Joan Parks , Craig Wernette, Martha Boetcher (ZOOM), Bruce Miller(ZOOM), Jim Parker (ZOOM)

Those Not Present –Karen Slenk

Guests – Ron Judge, Jim Samuels, Carol Sohn (ZOOM)

Approval of Minutes - Regarding minutes taken 10-14-2023 - Joan motioned that the board approve the minutes as written, Sandy 2nd, Motion passed

Officers' Reports- Treasurer - Mike Burnard – No report

Committee Reports

Fish & Wildlife Management – Fish were delivered and released. As requested by DNR - 700 in round, 1000 in Blue, 1300 in Mecosta. Figures are approximate.

Lake Improvement Report – No Report

Loon Report – Moving through on their way south.

Dam – Boards were raised Sunday, October 22nd and will remain so for the winter.

Public Landing – No report

Membership – RV Park Proposal situation has brought in a few new members

Recreation

Golf Fundraiser: No Report

Communication

Newsletter: Tabled to until November per October 14th decision.

Facebook: Fish Planting post was made. There will be coming posts about the RV Park Proposal.

Website: Page Updates mostly regarding the RV Park Proposal as well as regular maintenance updates.

Ad Hoc:

RV Park Proposal Committee: Mike presented the information collected and decided by the committee.

Reported that the committee has met to create an action plan and some steps have already been taken.

Noted that it's clear we don't know what will come of the next meeting, but we are working to be prepared.

We are aiming to gather letters of opposition as well as an online petition. The point being we don't want to get quiet about it.

The current biggest problem: This is going to cost money, and we don't have money to do that currently. The challenge is how to raise money. There are several barriers that make raising funds difficult.

Mike made a proposal to allocate \$5,000 from the Lake q fund to the Special Event fund to pay for activities.

Full proposal is located in MMP in October Special Meeting folder.

Historical knowledge question about Ice Mountain proceedings from Bruce. Sandy answered.

Mike suggested it would be best, before voting to allocate funds, to have a roll call vote from each board member as their position (In Favor or Opposed) regarding the RV Park Proposal.

Mike then made the above motion, Craig 2nd, Motion Passed.

Roll Call Vote:

Question stated to each Board Member, individually: Are you in favor of or opposed to the RV Park Proposal?

Jim Parker – Opposed

Myle Turpen -Opposed

Alex Henry – Opposed
Joan Parks– Opposed
Randy Walsdorf– Opposed
Julia Harris – Opposed
Craig Werentte– Opposed
Mike Burnard - Opposed
Sandy Brogan - Opposed
Dave Lewis - Opposed
Bruce Miller - Opposed
Martha Boetcher -Opposed

Roll Call Results: Unanimously Opposed

Mike restated his prior motion. Sandy added the justification that the lake quality fund should be where these funds come from due to the negative impact the RV park will have on our lakes and surrounding areas. Discussion on what the impact our position and allocation of funds might have regarding our donors. Many comments about balance and holistic approach. Agreement that the committee is truly trying to take a proactive approach.

Randy 2nd the motion

More discussion and agreement that a Roll Call Vote would be in best practice.

Roll Call Vote:

Question stated to each Board Member, individually: Are you in favor of or opposed to re-allocating funds as proposed by the RV Park Proposal Committee?

Jim Parker – In Favor
Myle Turpen– In Favor
Alex Henry– In Favor
Joan Parks– In Favor
Randy Walsdorf– In Favor
Julia Harris– In Favor
Craig Wernette – In Favor
Mike Burnard– In Favor
Sandy Brogan -In Favor
Dave Lewis– In Favor
Bruce Miller– in Favor
Martha Boetcher– In Favor

Unfinished Business

Bouwkamp Donation – Tabled
IRS – Tabled
Directors Insurance - Tabled
Replacement of Buoys - No Action Taken Yet

New Business

None

Public Comment

None

Next Board Meeting- 10 am on November 11th, 2023 at the Morton Township Library and via ZOOM. Please contact Dave if unable to attend.

Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 am
Recorded respectfully by Alex Henry