

MORTON TOWNSHIP  
TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

July 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: President Dave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Kolina Mako, Craig Wernette, Jim Parker, Randy Walsdorf, Alan McNamara, Joan Parks, Julia Harris, Mike Burnard

Others in Attendance: Sandy Johnson, Terri Cook, Bill Watch, Joe Mickley

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion, Approved

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: June 1 – July 1 2021, Motion Passed

Total Income \$1,230.00

Total Expenses \$ 605.34

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

- Dave contacted Stoney Creek, fish will be available this year. Have we had any contact with a marine biologist or an expert to look into whether we should be planting every year. Check on cost and the minimum to waive the delivery cost. Discussion on the reasons for planting fish and its popularity with everyone. Walleye are a natural predator that creates a food chain.
- The tournaments are for bass not walleye but they do help spread invasive species
- Has anyone heard about snapping turtles up on land other than for nesting
- Table the discussion

Lake Improvement:

- There has been a problem with lily roots upending in the outlet channel. Something happened to start the problem. Several board members will get together and discuss options. We have approved money to harvest the channel. Sandy will send Rick Butyen, plant specialist from Progressive, and email to see if he would be willing to survey the situation.

Loons:

- Chicks hatched on May 20, The nest on Lake Mecosta was abandoned

Dam:

- All boards are up and need to be dropped down today.

Public Landing:

- Boat Wash on August 1, Communication with the DNR is slow, Jim thinks that it is approved. There was an employee change. The date is booked with the company. A few volunteers will be needed to direct traffic and hand out brochures.

Membership:

- 30+ new members, Julia and Mike will come up with a plan to reach memberships that expired in 2020 and 2021

Recreation:

- Golf Outing update: Made close to \$13,000
- Boat Parade tomorrow at 4:00, must be a member, follow safety rules, prize money has doubled.
- Youth Fishing Tournament was rescheduled for July 10

Bass Tournaments:

- Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

- Discussion on printing costs and delays. Karen will check out Preferred Office Machines
- To include donor list, presidents letter to include numerous topics of importance.
- Maybe we should do a one-page update on Gypsy Moths to all property owners.

Website:

- No new report

Facebook:

- Kolina receives complaints and refers people to the proper information. The local newspaper has asked for our event information and it is connecting with Google etc.

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

- No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Petition drive update:

- 330 signatures, 60%. The township board needs to move forward with establishing the assessment district, determining the exact number of properties and how they will be assessed. Public hearing dates July 30, 10am, August 17, 7pm.
- Oak Wilt is also a problem. Maybe a call to Rick Lucas
- Table Zoom purchase until next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Bill Watch inquired about ordinances covering camping. He will be having a large family gathering and wants to set up tents for a week. Not under our umbrella, check with the township.
- Terri Cook expressed concerned with speeding on the lakes. Could we hire a sheriff patrol on holiday weekends? Question on anti-funneling, size of docks, how many boats per docks etc.
- Kolina commented on the number of cottages that have become rentals and concern over renters not following boater safety laws.
- Maybe we should ask for new clarification on dock laws.

**DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 7, 2021 in person with zoom option**

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