**Final TLPOA Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 27, 2024**

**Meeting Called to Order** by President Tom Conquest at 8:31 AM via Zoom.

**Attendees:**

Board Members - Tom Conquest, Pete Stephens, Pat Kish, Bill Siegrist, Colin Gibbings, Tim Manganello, Tom Page, Wendy Huston, Alex Goodall

**Meeting Minutes:**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the December 9, 2023 Board Meeting.

**Officer Remarks:**

Nothing specific.

**New Business:**

**Treasurer Transition:**

Wendy and Collin stated the transition is continuing and will be completed soon.

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The Board approved maintaining the TLPOA’s membership for 2024 at a cost of $40. Wendy will send them a completed renewal form and check.

**2024 TLPOA Calendar:**

Tom Conquest published the current 2024 calendar of events to the website.

**2024 TLPOA Budget:**

Wendy went through the final year end 2023 Statement of Activities and the proposed 2024 budget.

* Pete recommended and the Board approved including $30,000 in the 2024 budget to contract with the Spicer Group to conduct water quality testing in both lakes. This expense will be added to the budget under the category “Lake Monitoring & Water Quality”.
* The $6,000 budget for Goosebusters expenses will also be included in Lake Monitoring & Water Quality, bringing the total 2024 budget for this budget item to $42,500.
* Pete recommended the Board table any further discussion on PFAS testing until we get more information from the State of Michigan.
* The $750 budget for PayPal fees will be included in “Memberships & Communication”, and the total budget for this budget item will be increased to $2500.

**EGLE Testing of East Twin Lake:**

Judd Wellard was not in attendance and therefore the Board had no further discussion on this topic. Tom Conquest will follow up with Judd.

**Goose Busters project:**

Tom Page agreed to contact Goose Busters regarding the status of the project and what the TLPOA’s staffing requirements will be and will report back to the Board. Pete Stephens agreed to be the temporary lead person on this project until the busy summer season arrives at which time we must replace him. Pete will watch a 20 minute video on the process Goosebuster uses to reduce the geese population. Tom Page stated the TLPOA must submit applications to the DNR and pay the required $200 fees for each lake to commence the reduction process.

**Spicer Group:**

Tom Conquest will follow up with John Jackson on the status of the plan for Spicer to conduct water quality testing on both lakes. Alex Goodall commented that if we decide to have Spicer include PFAS testing that MDOT would shut down all activities in the areas where PFAS is found. It was agreed that we would put PFAS testing on hold until such time as we get more information from the State and develop a plan.

**MLSA 2024 Legislation Priorities:**

Tom discussed the legislative priorities listed below that the MLSA has established for 2024. It was agreed that the TLPOA will not get directly involved in these initiatives but that we might consider including a list of them in the in the next newsletter.

1. Regulation of watercraft operating in wake sport mode.
2. State-wide septic code as proposed by House Bill [4479](https://mymlsa.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=32374a5775672c51ec44c1a8e&id=5846f4f9e5&e=fc9e89f243) and [4480](https://mymlsa.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=32374a5775672c51ec44c1a8e&id=245ee8bece&e=fc9e89f243) and Senate Bill [299](https://mymlsa.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=32374a5775672c51ec44c1a8e&id=dfbdbfe5c4&e=fc9e89f243) and [300](https://mymlsa.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=32374a5775672c51ec44c1a8e&id=f38a5e5bdc&e=fc9e89f243).
3. All the legislative recommendations for inland lakes/streams in the joint agency Michigan 2022 Invasive Report. [Those recommendations can be found here, see page 25](https://mymlsa.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=32374a5775672c51ec44c1a8e&id=972f3ae43f&e=fc9e89f243).
4. No state-wide preemption of local control of short term rentals.
5. No state-wide preemption of local control of mining site development that adversely impacts lakes and streams.
6. Tax rebate incentives for new installation of natural shorelines; and partial tax incentives for riparians who have installed a natural shoreline within the last 20 years.

**Ongoing Activities:**

**Membership**

Tom Page provided the following update on our membership counts:

* 171 Family members
* 141 Stewards
* 6 Donations
* 318 Total Members

52 members renewed their memberships on line using the web site.

**Aeration:**

Tim reported that the system is currently shut down for winter. Tim asked Collin Gibbings for a breakdown of the expense detail for the costs charged by Clean Flo to clean and maintain the system.

**EWM:**

Tom C reported that the contract has been signed for PLM Lake & Land Management for the 2024 season.

**Social Events:**

Pete reported that we still need a volunteer to host this year’s Wine and Cheese Party. And he said if no one comes forward that he would host it again.

**Website Administration:**

Bill Siegrist agreed to be the point person to provide the website administrator with all updates to the site.

**Newsletter:**

Pat reported the next newsletter is scheduled to be published in March 2024 and that she is looking for content to include.

**Water Quality:**

Nothing new discussed other than that previously reported.

**Go Around:**

The Board thanked Wendy Huston for her service as the TLPOA Treasurer.

Tim Manganello asked about the results of the walleye testing DNR had conducted in 2023 around some of the resident’s docks including his. Tom Conquest will follow up with DNR to obtain their results and provide it to the Board and include it in the March newsletter.

The next Board meeting is planned for February 24th at 8:30 AM and will be conducted via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:42 AM.