

# **TLPOA Board Meeting Minutes**

## **August 26, 2023**

**Meeting Called to Order** by President Tom Conquest at 10:25am following the membership meeting.

**Attendees:**

Board Members - Tom Conquest, Bill Siegrist, Pete Stephens, Pat Kish, Tom Page, John Jackson, Judd Wellard, Alex Goodall

**Meeting Minutes:**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the July 22, 2023 Board Meeting.

**Officer Remarks:**

Tom Page reported there were 57 attendees at today's membership meeting.

Pat stated that a member asked that we use a microphone during the membership meetings so that everyone in the meeting can hear the presenters. Pat will look into this.

Pete reported that everything is all set for the Wine and Cheese Party.

**New Business:**

**Greenbelt Enforcement:**

The Board discussed the greenbelt ordinance. A TLPOA member reported during the membership meeting that he has filed lawsuits against a local business and the Township over what appears to be a violation of the ordinance on East Twin Lake. A Township Zoning Board meeting has been scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> to review the matter to determine whether a variance will be granted. The Board agreed it is the TLPOA's responsibility to support the ordinance and educate lakefront owners about it while responsibility for enforcing the ordinance rests with Albert Township. The Board agreed to take the following actions:

- Any Board member is welcome to attend the Zoning Board meeting to show our support for the ordinance and express our desire for the Township to enforce it.
- Tom Page will draft a letter to the Township Board, Township Zoning Administrator and ZBA expressing the TLPOA's support of the ordinance and the need to enforce it. Pat will also send it via email to the Township.

**Spicer Group:**

The Board discussed how best to proceed with the Spicer Group. The Board approved paying the initial invoice in the amount of \$2,168.00 for their services rendered through July 29<sup>th</sup>.

Spicer has also provided the Board a proposal to complete a 2023 baseline water quality monitoring and lake characteristic investigation at a total estimated cost of \$11,855.00. John recommended we approve the payment and have Spicer complete their investigation this year. Other Board members questioned whether it would be best to wait until 2024 to give Spicer adequate time to complete their investigation. Judd asked whether Spicer's investigation will give us enough data to successfully apply for 319 grant monies.

John agreed to talk to Spicer to get answers before we proceed further.

### **Huron Pines Stormwater Assessment:**

The Board previously approved a one-time donation of \$2500 to Huron Pines toward their mapping of the stormwater system.

### **Ongoing Activities:**

#### **Membership**

Tom Page provided the following update on our membership counts:

- 188 Family members
- 150 Stewards
- 6 Donations
- 344 Total Members (representing approximately 60% of all lakefront owners)

#### **Aeration:**

Nothing new discussed.

#### **EWM:**

Nothing new discussed.

#### **Social Events:**

Everything is all set for the Wine and Cheese party.

#### **Website Administration:**

The Board discussed possibly moving our website administration to Carrie's Creations located in Brutus MI, the company that Pete uses for his resort business. Tom Conquest will follow up with the individual that Pete referred us to. In addition to website administration, Tom will also talk to them about setting up electronic payment of dues via our website.

#### **TLPOA Facebook Page**

Bonnie Page recommended that we consider setting up a private TLPOA Facebook page which would provide our members a way to communicate with each other and the members as a whole. Bonnie volunteered and the Board approved having her set up the page and administer it for 12 months.

**Newsletter:**

Nothing new discussed.

**Water Quality:**

John asked about continuing use of Phoslock next year. PLM will give us a contract to review for 2024.

**Go Around:**

Bill Siegrist stated one of our members had requested information about regulations governing the use of wake boats. The Board replied that Michigan does not have regulations, and instead only has recommendations which are not enforceable. The Board did agree that we could add maps of both lakes to our website which show where in each lake wake boats can operate within the recommendations provided the state. Alex Goodall agreed to provide the maps.

John Jackson talked about the need to control the geese population around the lakes. Geese are both a nuisance and add nitrogen to the lakes which impacts water quality. The Board will discuss this further at a future meeting.

The next Board meeting is planned for September 23rd at the home of Pete Stephens.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15am

Minutes prepared by Bill Siegrist