

TLPOA Board Meeting Minutes September 23, 2023

Meeting Called to Order by President Tom Conquest at 5:08 PM at the home of Pete Stephens.

Attendees:

Board Members - Tom Conquest, Pete Stephens, Pat Kish, Tom Page, Alex Goodall, Wendy Huston, Judd Wellard, Colin Gibbings

Consultant – Bonnie Page

Meeting Minutes:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the August 26, 2023 Board Meeting.

Officer Remarks:

Wendy shared her treasurer's report with balances as of August 31. Everything is currently up to date.

Bonnie briefed the Board on the work she has done thus far setting up the TLPOA Facebook page. Only property owners on the lake, their families, and other TLPOA members will be allowed to join.

New Business:

Greenbelt Enforcement:

Pete briefed the Board on the results of the September 11 Township Board meeting which among other business, discussed the permit variance request from the Lewiston Lodge for their new addition, a 30-foot "floating dock" with no cement piers, which is now on hold. The recent TLPOA letter supporting the Greenbelt Ordinance was read at the meeting. Over 50 people attended the meeting but only a few discussed their opinion with some supporting and others opposing the request. The Township Board announced they will make their decision sometime in the near future. Tom P reported the Albert Township Planning Commission may begin talking about changing the Greenbelt Ordinance. Tom C agreed to contact Jeff MacDonald, the current Township Zoning Administrator, to learn The TLPOA Board will take no further immediate action but will monitor the situation to determine if further action is warranted.

New Website:

Tom C reported he spoke with Jim Pieniozek regarding Jim's Carrie's Creation company taking over responsibility of creating a new TLPOA website and maintaining the website. Jim stated that he can set up an electronic payment page on the website based on Paypal which will accept credit card payments for membership renewals. It was moved by Tom P and seconded by Pat to contract Carrie's Creation to set up a new website which will include electronic

payment capability. Tom C will contact Jim to get him started. It is estimated costs will be less than \$1,000 per year. Tom P will work with Jim on the requirements for membership forms and payments.

Spicer Group Proposal:

The Board discussed the latest email from John Jackson which showed additional cost details from the Spicer Group for water testing and flow measurements. Discussion focused on the value for flow measurements based on the quotes provided. It was decided to table any further actions and wait for John to present his recommendations.

Huron Pines Stormwater Assessment:

Pete reported that he has not been informed of any further work by Huron Pines on the assessment they have committed to conduct. Pete agreed to contact Samantha from Huron Pines for an update so he can report back to the Board.

Goose Busters Plan:

Tom P attended a recent Albert Township Board meeting to promote the use of Goose Busters to help reduce the goose populations which are believed to be a significant factor in the phosphorus level rise in our lakes. Tom P reported the Township passed a resolution to formally request the DNR to assist the TLPOA with controlling our goose population. Specific wording of the resolution is as follows:

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Township Board of Albert Township hereby formally requests the assistance of the Michigan DNR on behalf of the requests made in Albert Township, the Twin Lakes Property Owners Association, or any other associations, businesses or residents, as long as they abide by the DNR permit requirements, in the implementation of the Canada Goose Nest Destruction and Goose Roundup/Removal Program for a 5-year period from 2024 through 2028 and additionally, to advise the Department that there shall be no cost to Albert Township for this program.

Since West Twin also encompasses Charlton Township, Pete agreed to pursue getting the Charlton Township board to pledge their support as well. Judd agreed to discuss the issue with Garland management to encourage them to consider using Goose Busters. Many of the geese nest at the Garland.

Ongoing Activities:

Membership

Tom Page provided the following update on our membership counts:

- 189 Family members
- 151 Stewards
- 6 Donations
- 346 Total Members

Aeration:

Tom C reported speaking with a TLPOA member who is interested in helping out with the aeration system. Tom provided Tim Manganello the person's contact information.

EWM:

Two treatments applied this season. All thought the EWM situation on West Twin is well under control.

Social Events:

Nothing new discussed.

Website Administration:

Nothing new discussed other than that previously reported.

Newsletter:

Pat reported that she will publish the next newsletter in November.

Water Quality:

Nothing new discussed other than that previously reported.

Go Around:

Wendy announced she will be leaving the Board on January 1 as Treasurer. The rest of the Board thanked Wendy for her efforts over the past couple years and discussed steps for finding a new Treasurer. Wendy suggested the TLPOA may be getting to the point where a paid part time administrator might be beneficial to help out with all the activities the TLPOA Board is now taking on.

Pat mentioned that Zoom members can feel disconnected from live Board meetings. Since it is anticipated that more people will be attending via Zoom as opposed to live at the October board meeting, it was decided to have a Zoom only meeting for our October 28 meeting which will start at 8:30 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 PM.

Margaritas were served shortly afterwards.