

Lewiston Lake Living

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

“making a difference in the life of our lakes and our community”

MAY, 2020

President’s Letter

By now, you should have received a letter via TLPOA email announcing the Board of Directors’ decision to cancel the May Membership Meeting and the Beach Party that was to be held on July 11. We will decide sometime later whether or not to have the membership meeting scheduled for August. We are committed and looking forward to planning a TLPOA Beach Party for 2021.

Mary Walter at Twin Lakes Marina has asked us to let our members know the fireworks shows for both lakes are being cancelled as well.

No one can predict with certainty how our lives will change after we get through these difficult times. All of us, without prejudice, have been reminded that the health and safety of our loved ones and all those we hold dear is, and should be, Priority Number One.

We know our lifestyles will have to adjust. Some call it “the new normal”, or “new abnormal”. The fact is: we are just beginning to learn what will likely change forever, or at least for the foreseeable future. Some will find many of the changes disheartening, to say the least. While that may all be true, one thing is for certain: **we** will continue to be blessed with many wonderful times the life on these two beautiful lakes provides.

It was with this thought that Pat Kish, our 2019 Chickadee Award recipient, and TLPOA Treasurer, canvassed our members to write us about “**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER?**” Over two dozen of our members replied, including one from a poodle-Maltese-Yorkshire terrier mix, named Rocky. Thanks Rocky! You can read Rocky’s response in this issue. Thanks to Pat, too!

No President’s Letter of mine would be complete without a special thanks to our membership. Your continuing support to our association is the cornerstone to keeping our lakes healthy.

Please enjoy the summer and stay healthy.

Dominic Manzi

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Thanks to all those who contributed to this issue.

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association
Statement of Activities for January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020

	Total		General Fund		Aeration		Eurasian Watermilfoil	
	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date
REVENUES								
Lake Stewardships	14,600	5,100	14,600	5,100				
Family Memberships	5,000	1,155	5,000	1,155				
Interest	1,000	371	1,000	371				
Other	-	365		365				
Aeration	6,000	2,375			6,000	2,375		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	215					-	215
Total Revenue	26,600	9,581	20,600	6,991	6,000	2,375	-	215
EXPENSES								
Education	500	-	500	-				
Memberships and Communication	2,000	110	2,000	110				
Insurance	2,000	-	2,000	-				
Advertising and Public Relations	500	-	500	-				
Postal Expense	1,500	-	1,500	-				
Membership Events	500	-	500	-				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	7,500	-	7,500	-				
Contingency	100	-	100	-				
Organizational	1,500	77	1,500	77				
Community Donations	1,500	-	1,500	-				
Beach Party	3,000	500	3,000	500				
Aeration	11,000	380			11,000	380		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	15,000	-					15,000	-
Total Expenses	46,600	1,067	20,600	687	11,000	380	15,000	-
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	(20,000)	8,514	-	6,304	(5,000)	1,995	(15,000)	215
2020 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		162,468		33,993		16,672		111,803
Balance Cash and CD at March 31, 2020		170,982		40,298		18,667		112,018

TLPOA LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER AND OR INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BOARD

The Issue-Plain & Simple: The number of board members is down to eight. Our by-laws call for between 10 and 15.

The TLPOA Board works to help keep our lakes healthy and educate our membership on those issues, including publishing a quarterly newsletter, the aeration system on East Twin, Eurasian watermilfoil management on West Twin, water testing on both lakes, working with the township, county, and others on concerns regarding water clarity, organizing social events, and planning and hosting an annual Beach Party for the community.

We need volunteers.

If you think you might be interested or would like more information, please contact a board member or Dominic Manzi, TLPOA President, by email at dmanzi17@gmail.com or by phone at (248) 444-9973 today!

BUSINESS SUMMARY-by Dominic Manzi

Because of the cancellation of the May Membership Meeting, I thought it would be useful to provide a one-pager on TLPOA business. Wanna know more? Feel free to contact a board member or myself with any questions.

TLPOA Membership

Membership in the TLPOA is voluntary. We currently have 195 members who have paid their dues for 2020, including 95 who are Lake Stewards. These numbers are slightly lower than in the past. Please check your newsletter mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership.

Finance

The Quarterly Statement of Activities is listed on Page Two. There are two restricted funds: one for the aeration system, and one for fighting Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM). Money donated to either of those funds can only be used for that specific purpose. Our General Fund is just over \$22,000. The General Fund is used to pay or all other expenses. Because of the amount of money in the EWM Fund and the rate at which we have spent money to treat this invasive species, we suspended asking for contributions in 2020.

Aeration-East Twin

Since 2004, East Twin has had an active aeration system designed to help reduce muck levels. Initial readings as well as member observations over these past 16 years have noted vast improvements. Last year, TLPOA paid to replace the majority of the diffusers (bubblers) and one shoreline compressor. A more comprehensive measurement process is available and will be utilized to measure the effectiveness of reducing levels of muck in the lake.

Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) – West Twin

First discovered and confirmed in the fall of 2014, EWM is an invasive aquatic species that, if left unchecked, would result in the entire lakes eco-system being negatively impacted and the lake rendered unusable for recreational activities. The lake management firm PLM has partnered with TLPOA to run our EWM management program. Because of our efforts at early detection, we have managed the spread of EWM well and kept our expenses low. Hence the surplus in the EWM Restricted Fund. PLM will conduct three surveys and treat known EWM spots in 2020.

East Twin Water Clarity

Declining water clarity readings on East Twin resulted in TLPOA contracting with Restorative Lake Sciences, Inc., to conduct in depth testing in 2018. They reported high lake levels and shoreline erosion as the leading culprit. TLPOA has educated its membership on the many options to fight shoreline erosion. In addition, we are currently working with Albert Township, the Montmorency County Road Commission and Huron Pines to develop viable options that minimize “water run-off” from surrounding areas. We have also met with the township and county health department officials on the advisability of more comprehensive testing for E-coli and adoption of a septic field ordinance for the township.

Water Testing

TLPOA has been a longstanding participant in the volunteer lake testing program with Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). State funding for this program was suspended in the Michigan 2020 budget, but TLPOA board member John Jackson, has found an alternative source to assist us in continuing these tests. John and Jerry Beattie will continue to run our lake tests in 2020.

Beach Party

TLPOA hosts an annual event at the East Twin beach with live entertainment and games for kids. This event had been budgeted at \$3,000 for 2020. The event has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. The Board is looking forward to planning a Beach Party for 2021!

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SUMMER?

Written by TLPOA members and compiled by Pat Kish

We surveyed our members via email, asking for the East and West Twin sights, sounds, and activities they were most looking forward to this summer and got a great response. Sorry, some had to be edited to fit the space available. Thank you to our many contributors, including a dog!



Left to right: Brayden Tittensor, Sarah Felosak, and Calle Tapia. All learned to water ski on East Twin Lake.

Amy Jerome: sitting on our East Twin dock for a quiet breakfast while we watch the sun rise.

Jay Rife: The sound of children laughing, knowing life long memories are being made.

Wendy Huston: laughter and sounds of pure joy as our kids play in West Twin, happy hour pontoon rides around West Twin, an easy dinner loaded up and out on the boat in the middle of the lake, watching people cruise too close to the shoreline (and listening to all that they say) LOL! People forget that sound travels.

Derek Rainey: swinging on my hammock and watching eagles swoop down to snatch their dinner from East Twin. I also want to lay on our dock on a clear night and behold a billion stars!

Curt and Nancy Render: walking down to the lake and watching all the summer activities that are taking place, seeing our friends and neighbors on the lake while everyone is soaking up summer sun together, bringing our grandchildren to the lake is a joy as Curt spent many summers on West Twin with his family growing up.

Shirley Kohler: after being in the heat in Florida I am looking forward to seeing the beautiful view of West Twin Lake from my deck.

Beth Spencer: the three-generation pontoon crew with the Spencer/Scobie clan.

Nate and Amy Cook: hanging out at Eagle Point, hearing the loons and spotting the eagles is fun, too.

Looking forward to summer (continued)

Patti and Scott Williams: taking the grandchildren tubing, party boat happy hour at 5, stars at night, camp fires and s'mores, watching the eagles feed their young above our cabins, Talley's, Redwood, Lewiston Lodge.

Cindy Gallaway: picnic lunches on the boat followed by a relaxing time reading a good book while we drift around. Maybe an adult beverage is part of the plan, too!

Mary Ann Jones: watching Fourth of July fireworks over East Twin.

Marie Bracchi: stargazing, and bonfires!!

Larry Schaaf: looking over at the island and hearing the laughter and then the quietness after they leave, looking at the beautiful sunrises in the morning and hearing the loons, having a nice cool drink on my pontoon boat and taking a ride around the lake

The Larson Family: grilling steaks, sunning on the dock, water skiing, and reading.

Bob Rowden, Jr.: spending time with the grandkids on the lake, summer evenings with ice cream cones and the smell of northern Michigan.

Darrin and Lisa Thomas: campfires by the lake and roasting marshmallows, Fourth of July Boat Parade, waving to people on their boats as they pass by.

Krogol Family: boating with my whole family, skidooing, nighttime fires where we have a drink and hotdogs to talk about the beautiful day we had and the great days ahead.

Molly and John Anderson: sunset cruises with our new dog, Jack. Benji, our cocker spaniel passed away this winter and he LOVED boat rides! We hope Jack will enjoy sunset cruises as much as we do!

David and Sharon Case: launching our new pontoon and introducing our new grandson to the joys of lake living.

Gayle Bantle and Dan Bewersdorff: being out on the boats, swimming, tubing with the grandkids, and our personal favorite, enjoying sunsets over West Twin.

The Tosch Family: looking out at sparkling East Twin lake in the quiet of the morning with a cup of coffee, looking at the ducks on the water and eagles in the air and trees, spending time with my family and loving friends, laughter and games, moonlight pontoon rides after ice cream from Country House where the kids never get enough time playing on the great "toys".

Spending time at my "Happy Place" with family and friends, who are more like family. Enjoying a week playing in the water, trying to paddleboard and kayak, checking out the eagles' nest, playing games, laughing and eating a ton of food!!

Soaking up the sounds of laughter and water splashing, enjoying a good book and sunshine at the same time, all day snacking, great conversations, card games around the table that welcomes so many, and mostly...making and reliving memories!

Dave and Stephanie Scheper: spending time with family, paddle boarding, swimming, fishing, jet skiing, tubing, pizza from the Lewiston Lodge, burgers from Talley's, naps in the hammock, bonfires with s'mores.

Kevin Mercure: My dog Rocky was reading my emails and asked me to respond for him. he has a hard time typing because of not having fingers.

My name is Rocky. I am a poodle, Maltese, Yorkshire terrier mix and have a cottage on West Twin Lake. Every spring I look forward to the day the Mercure family, who I live with, puts the dock in the water, because I know once the dock is in, the pontoon boat will appear tied to the dock. My favorite summer days are spent sitting on the back of the pontoon boat looking out over the lake. I like to bark at dogs on other pontoon boats and trying to catch dragonflies. Once I tried to grab a dragon fly and ended up falling off the boat. I am not a good swimmer and had to be rescued. I can't wait for the dock to go in once the weather warms up.



TIME TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH LIFE JACKETS ON BOARD

As you get your boat in the water this spring, do not forget to check your PFDs (Personal Flotation Devices).

Michigan law requires one PFD per passenger on a boat. A child under the age of six must be wearing a suitable PFD while onboard. Check to ensure you have the correct size PFD for each of your little ones. They grow so fast!

Let's all inspect all our boats' PFDs. Make sure they are clean, in good shape, and easily accessible.



Have you been receiving emails from the TLPOA?

If not, and you would like to keep current with TLPOA news and upcoming events, please send an email to LewistonLakeLiving@gmail.com.

>>> Please check your newsletter mailing label for your current membership status. <<<

2020 TLPOA MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS

New *Renewal*

Member Name(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

Primary Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Lake Address _____

Telephone () _____ East Twin Lake West Twin Lake

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS		
	<i>Membership Dues or Suggested Contribution Amounts</i>	<i>My Lake Contribution</i>
Membership Dues All membership dues provide additional funding for special projects to study and maintain a healthy lake ecology and benefit the lake community.	\$150 Lake Stewardship or \$35 Basic Family Membership	\$
Aeration Suggested Contribution Your contribution will allow the TLPOA to maintain the aeration system on East Twin Lake, including replacing parts as needed, and paying for electricity. Suggested contribution rates based on lake frontage owned are shown at right. We welcome all levels of contribution!	Lakefront Owners Less than 75 ft. of lake frontage \$50 75 to 125 ft. of lake frontage \$75 More than 125 ft. of lake frontage \$100 Shared Access \$25	\$
Eurasian Water Milfoil Treatment Generous contributions from our membership, along with grants from Montmorency County have allowed the TLPOA to respond quickly to control EWM and have covered the anticipated costs of surveying and treating infested areas.	We are currently funded at a sufficient level to meet current needs and have suspended our requests for funding for 2020. Thank you!	
MY TOTAL LAKE CONTRIBUTION		\$

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT! PLEASE MAIL TODAY!

The TLPOA is a 501(c)(3) public charity and your contribution may be deductible if you itemize your deductions on your tax return. Consult your tax adviser for details.

Please make your check payable to TLPOA and mail to

P.O. Box 807, Lewiston, MI 49756

IMPORTANT NOTE: EVENTS CANCELLED

At the time of writing this newsletter, certain events have been cancelled. The health and safety of our members, their families and friends, and our community take precedence. The Board of Directors will continue to review upcoming events and determine what works best for all of us!

STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY..... THINGS WILL NOT ALWAYS BE THIS WAY!

- MAY 25 TLPOA MEMBERSHIP MEETING – *CANCELLED*
- FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS (TWIN LAKES MARINA) – *CANCELLED*
- JULY 11 TLPOA BEACH PARTY – *CANCELLED*

At this time, we are still planning to hold the Fourth of July boat parades on East and West Twin Lakes.

	<p><i>Visit the TLPOA website at www.tlpoalewistonmi.com for TLPOA updates and links to community resources.</i></p>
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE TWIN LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION!

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