

TLPOA Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2023

Meeting Called to Order by President Tom Conquest at 8:30am via Zoom

Attendees:

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

Meeting Minutes:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the December 3, 2022 Board Meeting.

Officer Remarks:

Tom had new Board member, Alex Goodall, introduce himself. Alex's family has had a place in Lewiston for many years. He is a senior at Hope College and will graduate this year. He has a job lined up in Detroit upon his graduation. He is an avid outdoorsman and is looking forward to assisting the TLPOA in any way he can.

Wendy reported that she had received back all required signed documents and will proceed to transition the TLPOA bank accounts from PNC to Nicolet Bank.

Bill reviewed various action items from the December 3rd Board meeting. The Board discussed each and whether the action had been completed.

New Business:

Chamber of Commerce

Tom received a request for the TLPOA to renew its membership at a cost of \$40. The Board approved the renewal. Tom will complete the renewal form and send it to Wendy for a check and mailing to the Chamber.

2023 Budget

The Board approved the final 2023 draft budget which includes total projected expenses of \$31,000 and current bank balance of \$197,148.

Wendy suggested we consider using some of our surplus monies on communication and education of our property owners on the many things the TLPOA does to support and promote the health of East and West Twin lakes, and further to help property owners learn the things they each can also do to support the two lakes.

Other ideas were also discussed, including washing stations on both lakes to help reduce the spread of invasive plants and Zebra Mussels.

Tom C. asked each Board member to think of ways we could constructively spend monies in our General Fund and bring them to discuss at the next Board meeting.

2023 Calendar of Events

Tom finalized the calendar of events and added it to the web site.

Proposed Camp Grayling Expansion

Pat reviewed an exhibit that includes a map showing the townships and counties that oppose the proposed expansion with Frederic Township being the only holdout so far. The exhibit also includes a list of non-governmental organizations that have come out opposing the expansion including the TLPOA.

Pat discussed a video by Martha Duby which discusses the separate land and airspace expansion proposals. The airspace proposal includes both an expansion of the airspace and lowering of the altitude which the planes can fly.

Shannon Lot is maintaining a Facebook page regarding the proposed expansion which you can access and express your opinions. Pat recommended each Board member do this.

Pat stated there currently is no timeline in which a final decision will be made. She expressed concern over the potential impact on property values and asked that the TLPOA closely monitor the matter.

East Twin Retention Pond

Pete said that he has not heard back from Huron Pines on recommendations they have to improve the effectiveness of the retention pond and any other actions that could help prevent stormwater from entering East Twin Lake. He will follow up with them on this.

Tom reviewed a January 13th email from John Jackson containing his recommendations for the continued use of PhosLock:

- Continue the PhosLock program for at least two more years and preferably 5 years (thru 2027) to protect us from future price increases, knowing that the contract allows us to cancel at any time upon 90-day notice.
- Include the more comprehensive testing regimen (5 sites, 2 samplings each: 10 total x \$60 = \$600).
- Total cost for 2023 would be \$3075.

John also expressed concern over any support we will get from the Road Commission, Albert Township or Huron Pines on phosphorus discharges from the retention pond other than the possibility of constructing rain gardens ahead of the pond to help capture stormwater before it

gets to the pond. Tom C. asked why they are reluctant do anything and Pete responded they feel the retention pond is performing adequately as it currently exists.

Tom C. suggested that we contract with PLM to apply PhosLock in 2023 only and have them include testing to see if it is helping reduce phosphorous levels in the lake. If the tests show it is helping then we can consider continuing treatments beyond 2023. Pete recommended that we ask PLM if they can also test for E.coli. Tom will ask John to discuss testing with PLM to determine whether they can confirm the PhosLock is working. Judd stated the county currently tests for E.coli at the public beaches only, and that no other areas are tested.

Pete suggested we ask PLM if they can also test for soil erosion. Judd reminded everyone that we contracted with RLS five years ago to complete an environmental study on soil erosion. The study showed it is a contributing factor. Judd stated that individual property owners need to make changes to their own shorelines to help with erosion.

The Board approved signing the Phoslock contract with PLM for one year. The Board then agreed to proceed with the remaining above actions and then we can further discuss everything at the next meeting.

Water Clarity

Tom asked each Board member to bring ideas to the next meeting to address water clarity in both lakes.

Old Business:

Membership

Tom Page summarized the latest counts:

167 Family members
144 Lake Stewards
6 other donations
307 total

Tom Page will complete a draft communication to property owners and send it to each Board member for review. Tom will also send the communication to property owners who have let their membership lapse.

Aeration

Tim stated that PIE&G has requested a re-read of our meter. Wendy will review the last two readings to see how close they are.

EWM

Tom signed the contract with PLM to do EWM treatments in West Twin Lake in 2023. PLM is delinquent in providing us more comprehensive reports on the locations of vegetation gathered from the AVAS surveys they did in 2022. He will talk to them about this.

Website/Facebook Page

Tom posted the 2023 calendar of events and last approved meeting minutes to the web site.

Newsletter

Pat will do some research on Zebra Mussels and report back to the Board. She might write an article to be included in the next newsletter. She asked Alex to provide a writeup on himself to be included. She is looking for other ideas and input from the Board for the newsletter. She said we could do an abbreviated version of the newsletter depending on the content.

Social Events

The Wine & Cheese Party has been scheduled for Saturday August 26th.

Pete agreed to help track down the person that organized the Heart of Summer Party last year that was held at John Jackson's subdivision beach on July 26th.

Go Around:

Nothing further discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25th via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43am.

Minutes prepared by Bill Siegrist