

# **TLPOA Board Meeting Minutes**

## **July 22, 2023**

**Meeting Called to Order** by President Tom Conquest at 8:32am.

**Attendees:**

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

**Meeting Minutes:**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the June 24, 2023 Board Meeting.

**Officer Remarks:**

Tom Conquest stated that Timberfest is coming August 4-5<sup>th</sup>. Pat has posted a communication regarding Timberfest to the TLPOA's Facebook page. The question was asked whether the TLPOA should make a donation, however, Pat said that it is too late.

Pete completed the letter to the Montmorency Tribune Editor from the TLPOA and sent it. The letter regards the purpose and objectives of the TLPOA, and states some of the important actions the TLPOA has taken to improve and maintain the health of the two lakes.

Pete discussed and the Board approved moving a total of \$150,000 from the TLPOA's existing checking account at Nicolet Bank into a CD and money market account offered by the bank. \$100,000 will be placed in a 5% 9-month CD, and \$50,000 in the money market account. The purpose of which is to take advantage of the higher interest rates currently being offered on these products.

Tom Page submitted the request to the Township for a brick for the new pavilion with wording regarding the TLPOA.

The Board discussed creating the ability for property owners to make electronic dues payments to the TLPOA. Pete suggested we consider switching our website administration to Carries Creations in Brutus which maintains his Twin Lakes Shore Resort website. Pete will contact the owner and introduce Tom.

Pat discussed the task of printing and mailing the TLPOA Newsletter. The Board approved Pat to talk to the Montmorency Tribune about contracting with them to perform this work for us.

**New Business:**

**Heart of Summer Party:**

Everything is all set for the party to be held tonight at the Johnson Beach Sub at 6pm.

### **Greenbelt Enforcement:**

A property owner expressed concern over another owner having work completed on his lakefront in violation of the Township ordinance. And another owner expressed concern over work the Lewiston Lodge is having done without proper permits. Tom expressed concern over the Township's willingness to enforce the greenbelt ordinances. The Board discussed this and concluded:

- The Township is responsible for enforcement
- The TLPOA's role should be limited to educating property owners
- Tom will draft an article for the TLPOA Newsletter regarding the ordinances

### **Spicer Group:**

One of the East Twin property owners, Marylin Lane, introduced John Jackson to a company called Spicer Group whose expertise includes the engineering, construction and maintenance of retention ponds. Representatives from Spicer met with John in Lewiston and completed an evaluation of East Twin. They provided John their initial observations and recommendations, which John sent to the Board in his July 20<sup>th</sup> email.

Marylin Lane also discussed with John ways that grant monies could be obtained to help with costs to make improvements to the stormwater system. She said we should qualify for 319 grant monies to contract with Spicer Group to complete a detailed analysis of the Lewiston stormwater system, including the East Twin retention pond. Marilyn is very experienced in government funding of projects and the challenges of writing grant proposals. There currently are requests for future projects specifically for Inland Lakes with Stormwater control issues. The timetable is short but Marilyn thought we could pursue several grants, which she would assist us with.

Judd recommended we include Todd Bearing from the Road Commission in this effort.

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

Pete discussed the plan to have Huron Pines complete a stormwater assessment previously approved by the Board. Huron Pines has declined the TLPOA's offer of \$5000 and instead will use grant monies to complete their analysis. Pete recommended the TLPOA still provide Huron Pines a \$2500 donation toward their work and not sign a contract. The Board discussed this and approved a one-time donation of \$2500 toward their mapping of the stormwater system.

### **August Membership Meeting:**

Tom discussed the need to develop an agenda for the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. He agreed to put together a draft agenda and provide it to the Board members for review and feedback.

It was agreed that John would discuss nutrient loading into East Twin including septic systems.

Pat mentioned that Board member terms were always intended to last 2-3 years and that we should pursue getting more new members on the Board. The Board agreed to include this in the agenda.

The question was asked whether our Bylaws would give the TLPOA authority to remove a Board member if necessary. It was agreed that we should review the Bylaws and determine whether this is the case, and if they don't then we should consider amending them to allow this.

## **Ongoing Activities:**

### **Membership**

Tom Page provided the following update on our membership counts:

- 174 Family members
- 149 Stewards
- 5 Donations
- 328 Total Members (representing 59.2% of all lakefront owners)

### **Aeration:**

Nothing new discussed.

### **EWM:**

Tom had received feedback from a West Twin owner about being provided proper advanced notification of when a treatment is planned.

Tom has observed two areas of EWM, both of which are located in the middle of the lake. Otherwise, it appears that the yearly treatments are keeping it under control.

### **Social Events:**

Everything is all set for the Heart of Summer and Wine and Cheese parties.

### **Website Administration:**

Tom will contact the company Pete uses for his resort.

### **Newsletter:**

Pat said she appreciated all the photos she has received and will include some of them in the newsletter.

### **Water Quality:**

John mentioned that a property owner had asked whether Phoslock effects water lilies.

**Go Around:**

Tom Page requested he be given a minute or so at the fall membership meeting to discuss light pollution around our lakes, which the Board approved.

The next Board meeting is planned for August 26<sup>th</sup> following the membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20am

Minutes prepared by Bill Siegrist