

TLPOA Membership Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:00am by President Tom Conquest who then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Executive Board Attendance:

Tom Conquest, Wendy Huston, Pat Kish, Bill Siegrist, John Jackson, Judd Wellard, Pete Stephens, Tom Page, Tim Manganello, Alex Goodall

Board Introductions:

Each Board member introduced themselves and stated which lake they resided on as well as their responsibilities on the TLPOA Executive Board.

Opening Remarks:

Tom Conquest led the membership in a moment of silence for Mike Dombrowski.

Tom then reviewed the meeting agenda.

Meeting Topics Covered:

- Treasurer Report – Wendy Huston
- Membership Report – Tom Page
- Proposed Camp Grayling Expansion – Pat Kish
- East Twin Aeration – Tim Manganello
- EWM Management and Vegetation Surveys – Tom Conquest
- CLMP / Water Clarity – John Jackson
- DNR Walleye Monitoring Program – Judd Wellard
- Shrink Wrap Re-cycling – Pete Stephens
- TLPOA Social Events – Pete Stephens
- Q &A

A copy of the presentations will be placed in the TLPOA Website.

Select Notes from the presentations:

Membership Report

- Our current 317 TLPOA members represent 60% of the total property owners on East and West Twin lakes combined.

Aeration

- Cost to maintain and operate the system has decreased by about \$2000 per year
- We have operated the system since 2004

EWM

- Present only in West Twin
- Is under control thru use of EGLE-approved herbicides applied 3 times per year by PLM
- Spent \$7280 in 2022
- Also watching for any presence of Starry Stonewort

Vegetation Surveys

- Vegetation level in West Twin had dipped but was back up in 2022
- Vegetation level has fallen in East Twin

Water Clarity

- Water clarity is improving in West Twin but is decreasing in East Twin
- Chlorophyll is decreasing in West Twin but is increasing in East Twin
- TLPOA is contracting with Huron Pines to complete a ground mapping of the storm water sewer system around East Twin. HP will evaluate the results and provide best management practices
- The state of Michigan is considering a bill to enforce maintenance of septic systems
- Lakefront property owners are encouraged to allow their shorelines to go natural to help reduce stormwater runoff into the lakes

Walleye Monitoring

- The DNR is doing a 7-year study of Walleye populations in Michigan lakes and both East and West Twin Lakes are included
- The DNR stocks both lakes with Walleye every 2 years
- Both lakes do not produce Walleye very well, therefore requiring stocking
- Walleye have a positive impact on the clarity of our lakes because they prey on smaller fish that eat Zoo Plankton

Social Events

- The July 4th boat parades will be held on both lakes at 5pm on July 3rd.
- It has been decided not to have the July 22nd Heart of Summer Party at the Johnson Subdivision beach. A new location will be determined and communicated.
- The Wine & Cheese party will be held on Saturday, August 26th at the home of Theresa and John Scott. Further details will be provided.

Open Forum / Q&A:

- Would the TLPOA consider sponsoring a brick in the name of Mike Dombroski toward construction of the new Township Pavilion? Answer - Yes it will.
- Is there any value in installing washing stations to help control the spread of invasive plant species like EWM? Answer - This is under consideration by the TLPOA.
- Concern expressed over the impact of wake boats on our lakes. Answer - The TLPOA had previously published an article by the DNR which recommends operating wake boats in deeper areas of the lakes and at least 300 feet from the shoreline.
- Concern over light pollution around our lakes. Answer - It has been previously recommended that property owners turn their lights off at night.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30am.

Minutes prepared by Bill Siegrist