

TLPOA Board Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2021

Meeting Called to Order by President Tom Conquest at 8:29 AM.

Attendees:

Board Members - Tom Conquest, Pat Kish (via Zoom), Bill Siegrist (via Zoom), John Jackson, Tim Manganello, Judd Wellard, Karen Wilding. Consultant – Greg Bator.

Meeting Minutes:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the June 26, 2021 Board Meeting.

Officer Remarks:

Pat stated she received a request for the TLPOA to be a sponsor of this year's Timberfest event. The TLPOA donated \$500 in 2017 and \$200 in 2019. It was agreed and approved by the board to donate \$300 this year.

New Business:

- **DDA Funding Request**

The board approved a donation of \$200 to the DDA in response to a letter request asking for matching funds for a proposed Lewiston walking path

- **August Membership Meeting**

The board discussed the upcoming August membership meeting. It was agreed the meeting would be held at the elementary school and that there would be no virtual zoom meeting offered. Pat cannot attend so another board member will have to handle the sign-in, membership renewals, new member signups, name tags, and validation of member information. Judd will handle providing coffee and doughnuts. Tom will hand out copies of the TLPOA's latest financial statement and membership counts as people enter the meeting. John will ask Erick Elgin from Michigan State Extension to attend and discuss the water clarity of East Twin. If he is unable to participate then John volunteered to do a presentation. Tom will present the Chickadee award to Jim Morpheu on East Twin. Ron Compton will be given the Greenbelt award (Tom to confirm this). We will discuss the membership drive and ask current members to help recruit others around the lakes to join. Pat will send out emails notifying members of the upcoming meeting. Greg suggested we include the purpose of the meeting and give people reasons for why they should attend.

- **Membership Drive**

The draft brochure was reviewed and the board feels it generally looks good. A suggestion was made to add a check box for people to indicate whether they are on East or West Twin Lake. Bill suggested we compare the wording used in the brochure referring to our mission statement to what is used in our website. The cost to print 1000 brochures is \$189 plus an

estimated \$250 for mailing. Additionally we want to make 3-4 posters to be used at the Timberfest. Judd suggested we approve \$600 to cover the total cost, which the board then approved.

Old Business:

- **Aeration**

Nothing new discussed.

- **EWM**

Tom asked if west twin had been treated on July 19th as planned. He will follow up with the contractor to confirm.

- **Water Clarity**

John stated that our concerns over the functionality of the retention pond are not shared by the township or county road commission and that it is not a priority of theirs. They have more important issues to address. He feels the only way we can make any progress with the township and road commission is to appoint a TLPOA member to pursue it on a full-time basis including attending township and county meetings and develop a plan to address the retention pond and the addition of a rain garden. Tom suggested we continue to monitor the situation.

John stated the clarity of the lakes is also impacted by the amount of rain we receive. More rain reduces the clarity because of runoff into the lakes and less rain reduces runoff and improves clarity. The lakes are clearer in the spring and when the water levels are higher. Greg Bator suggested we include a presentation during the August membership meeting on lake levels. Pat asked if we can petition for higher lake levels. John to contact Greg Bearing about it.

- **Social Events**

Karen reiterated that we will plan to have a summer beach party in 2022. Tom volunteered to host a TLPOA party at his home on August 28th. Not a wine and cheese but just a party. Tom will buy the wine and beer to be supplied by the TLPOA. Others will be asked to bring a dish to pass. We need to include something in the newsletter about it and add it to our calendar of events in the website.

- **Website/Facebook Page**

Tom asked Bill to contact Mary Ellen to see if we could add an electronic payment option to the website for members to make their annual membership donation payments. John asked about the feasibility of converting our Facebook page to a private page which may make it more interactive and allow it to push information to TLPOA members.

- **Newsletter**

Dominic is planning to get the newsletter to the publisher by July 27th.

- **Septic Tank Ordinance**
Nothing new reported.

Go Around:

Nothing further discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM. Our next scheduled TLPOA Board Meeting will be held on Saturday August 21, 2021 following the membership meeting.

Minutes prepared by Bill Siegrist