

# TLPOA Board Meeting Minutes

## June 24, 2023

**Meeting Called to Order** by President Tom Conquest in the Lewiston Library and via Zoom.

### Attendees:

Board Members: Tom Conquest, Tim Manganello, Pete Stephens, Pat Kish, Alex Goodall, Tom Page, John Jackson, Colin Gibbings, Judd Wellard

### Meeting Minutes:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the May 25, 2023 Board Meeting.

### Officer Remarks:

Tom Conquest relayed a request for sponsorship of the Garland Charity Classic. After some discussion, the Board approved a \$100 silver sponsorship contingent upon the opportunity to generate publicity for the TLPOA, such as a tee marker. Moved by Kish, seconded by Jackson.

Other means of generating publicity were discussed. Pete Stephens agreed to draft a letter to the Montmorency Tribute about the TLPOA. Also, the August newsletter will be sent to all lakefront homeowners, based upon a list from the assessor's office. Tom Page will crosscheck our current list with the assessor's list to ensure all lakefront owners receive a newsletter.

Pete Stephens and Judd Wellard will go to Nicolet Bank to gather information regarding current CD rates and maturities to invest up to \$100,000 of the cash on hand.

### New Business:

**New Board Member:** Colin Gibbings, our newest board member introduced himself to the Board and was welcomed.

**Albert Township Memorial Brick:** The Board approved \$106 to be used to purchase a 12" x 12" brick at the new Albert Township Pavilion to memorialize TLPOA Past President Mike Dombrowski. Tom and Bonnie Page will compose the wording of the brick. Moved by Pete Stephens and seconded by Tom Page.

**Lily Pads:** The issue of the expanding patch of lily pads on West Twin Lake, north of the DNR boat launch was discussed. Tom Conquest has contacted PLM (our current EWM contractor). According to PLM, they can contract with the lakefront owner to treat a 40' x 40' area without an EGLE permit. Such treatment would not be covered by our current permit for EWM because our current permit covers only invasive species. The Board confirmed that the control of lily pads is not a role for the TLPOA, but would refer the lakefront owner to PLM.

**Stormwater Retention Pond:** Huron Pines, the Road Commission, and Albert Township have shown little interest in dealing with the retention pond. Judd Wellard mentioned he saw

excavation being done on a pond across from the high school in Johannesburg, but that was funded because it is on a state road.

There's also a question of how to dispose of the material dredged out of the retention pond. According to Judd, our retention pond has not been dredged in about 70 years.

John Jackson said that Huron Pines recommends rain gardens as islands in the roads to capture stormwater before it goes into the sewers. However, there is concern about the viability of maintaining the rain gardens due to the lack of volunteers available. The Board will go forward with the study to raise awareness and enhance public relations. The agreement with Huron Pines is not yet finalized.

The Board briefly discussed the possibility of contracting with a master's student to conduct phosphorus studies which would cost approximately \$40,000 and take about a year. The funding could be arranged through a special restricted fund such as the aeration or EWM funds.

**Electronic membership renewals:** Colin Gibbings and Tom Page will work together to establish a process to allow for membership renewals online with credit cards. Members will still have the opportunity to mail in their dues using a paper check.

**Heart of the Summer Party:** will be held in the Lewiston Pavilion if it is completed in time. Lions Park Pavilion will be used if the Lewiston Pavilion is not available. The party will be hosted by Cindy and Paul Millard. No live music will be scheduled.

**Membership Report:** 174 family memberships, 149 lake stewards and 5 donations, for a total of 328, or approximately 60% of all possible lakefront owners.

**Aeration:** per Tim Manganello, the compressors are up and running.

**Eurasian Watermilfoil:** PLM treated West Twin on June 12, 2023. EWM appears to be under control as fewer sites are being reported.

**Water Levels:** According to Judd Wellard, 20 years ago, lakefront owners filed a petition to increase the water levels in the lakes and a study was privately funded. They found that an increase in water levels could increase erosion, flood septic systems, and flood well heads which can lead to contamination of drinking water levels. The court ordered that the existing water levels be maintained, unless all lakefront owners are notified and 2/3 of lakefront owners approve of any proposed intervention.

**Wine and Cheese Party:** all arrangements have been made, including music. Theresa and John Scott will host.

**Newsletter:** Pam Conquest will contact Pat Kish regarding the printing and mailing of the newsletter. The possibility of recruiting sponsors to defray the cost of printing and mailing the newsletters was discussed. Board members are encouraged to submit ideas for articles and photos.

**Website:** Tom Conquest will send Colin Gibbings the log in information for the TLPOA website.

**Water Clarity:** Geese continue to be a concern. A federal permit is required to collect eggs.

The next scheduled TLPOA Board meeting will be held on Saturday, July 22, at 8:30 a.m. in person at the Lewiston Library and online via Zoom.