

TLPOA Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2023

Meeting Called to Order by President Tom Conquest at 8:33am

Attendees:

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

Meeting Minutes:

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

Officer Remarks:

Tom discussed this year's 4th of July boat parades and it was decided to have them on July 3rd on both lakes. Pat stated the marina is planning to have fireworks on East Twin on July 3rd.

Wendy discussed that property owner, Mark Bowser, is looking for a check from the TLPOA to reimburse him for the electricity cost to run the compressors used for the aeration system. She will proceed to pay him.

Pat stated the current bank that we have the CD with is mailing a check to Wendy who then will deposit it with the new bank.

Bill reviewed various action items from the March 25th Board meeting. The Board discussed each and whether the action had been completed.

New Business:

MLSA Conference

Tom Conquest is attending the upcoming conference.

Proposed Camp Grayling Expansion

Pat stated that opposition to the proposed expansion is expanding to additional communities, including Native American Tribes who recently had a closed-door meeting with the State of Michigan.

Walleye Monitoring

Tom discussed an email he had received from Emily Martin, a marine biologist with the DNR. In the email she discussed a long-term Walleye monitoring plan they are commencing this year that will include both East and West Twin lakes. The plan will include the placement of temperature loggers in both lakes and they will take temperature readings & dissolved oxygen

profiles two to three times a year, and will conduct fall walleye index surveys. Tim and Judd volunteered to let them place the monitors along their lakefronts.

Tom stated that we will share our data from PLM with the DNR to assist them in this activity.

And we will include something about this in the May membership meeting.

Stormwater Testing

Judd brought a water sample he had collected on the 18th from water coming out of the retention pond flowing into East Twin Lake. Tom is planning to provide the sample to a company in Grand Rapids which will test it and report back to Tom, and he will review the results at a future Board meeting. Tom will find out the cost for this testing and email the Board members for approval to proceed.

Stormwater Assessment

Pete discussed that Huron Pines is moving slowly on what their plan will be to complete their analysis. They have estimated the cost at approximately \$5000. Pete feels an appropriate cost would be more in the \$3000 range. Their work will include a two-day field survey, then a desktop assessment. Nick at HP stated in his email they will get working on a contract agreement between the TLPOA and Huron Pines to outline what will be done and state the terms and scope of work, among other things. HP would like to see a joint effort between the Township, County, TLPOA and HP to complete the analysis and implement any corrective measures. Tim suggested we ask HP for a Letter of Intent. Pete will continue to work with HP to get a draft contract for our review.

Water Clarity

The Board discussed an article in the Montmorency County Tribune that discussed water clarity in East Twin, and that which concluded the clarity is not improving. We also discussed a letter to the Tribune Editor from TLPOA member Greg Bator wherein he took issue with some of the content of the Tribune article. John Jackson had previously reviewed Greg's letter and had provided the Board his responses to the assertions made by Greg. The Board decided to send a letter re-affirming the information it provided at the April 3rd Township Board meeting and its commitment to the proposed stormwater assessment by Huron Pines. Tom will send us a copy of the article and a draft letter of response from the TLPOA for the Board's review.

Pat asked for something from Pete to include in the next newsletter regarding the plan to engage HP in the analysis of the water clarity in East Twin.

May Membership Meeting:

The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 27th at 9:00am at the Lewiston Elementary School.

Tom will put a draft together and send it out to the Board members for review.

Planned agenda items include the following:

- Treasurers Report (Wendy)
- Membership Report (Tom Page)
- Camp Grayling Expansion (Pat)
- Newsletter (Pat)
- Stormwater Assessment (John)
- Social Events (Pete)
- EWM and Vegetation Coverage (Tom)
- Aeration (Tim)
- Q&A

We will have a special Board meeting on Thursday night, May 25th via Zoom to go over the presentations and finalize the meeting.

Wendy will check with the school to confirm the availability of the meeting room.

Jude will arrange for coffee and donuts.

Old Business:

Membership

Nothing new discussed.

Aeration

Tim stated the system will be turned on Sunday and cleaned at a later date. And our contractor Clean Flo will measure the hardness of the muck.

EWM

Nothing new reported.

Website/Facebook Page

Nothing new discussed.

Newsletter

The May newsletter will be published the first two weeks of May prior to the membership meeting. Pat is looking for any ideas and inputs for the newsletter. Some suggestions included the vegetation survey done on both lakes, the planned agenda for the May membership meeting, information on the boat parades and fireworks, walleye monitoring, stormwater assessment, and any pictures we have to include.

Social Events

Nothing new discussed.

Go Around:

Pete talked about the enormous waste that is caused by the shrink rapping used to store boats for the winter, with much of the plastic ending up in landfills. He said there is an organization called the Michigan Recycling Coalition that provides bags for the plastic which are then taken for recycling. Tom mentioned there is also a recycling center the plastic can be taken to. Pete asked if there is a Board member that could take this on as a project to learn more about what can be done to reduce the amount of plastic that ends up in landfills. Tom said he would talk to Alex about it.

Judd mentioned there are other lake associations that donate to Huron Pines. The Board discussed this and concluded that our support will come in the form of the contract we plan to sign with HP to conduct the stormwater assessment.

The next Board meeting is planned for Thursday evening, May 25th via Zoom. Its purpose is to review and finalize the presentations for the membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Minutes prepared by Bill Siegrist