

Lewiston Lake Living

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

“making a difference in the life of our lakes and our community”

November, 2020

President's Letter

In September, the Board of Directors held an election for officers' positions. As you can see from the column to the right, there are a few changes. First, I have decided to step down as President of TLPOA. Having been the President for several years now, I felt it was simply time for a change. I will continue to remain on the Board as well as editor of the newsletter for a minimum of twelve months.

The changes in our officers are as follows:

Tom Conquest will take over as the new president. Over the past few years or so, Tom has been the lead coordinating our EWM (Eurasian watermilfoil) management program. He also served as secretary. He's done an outstanding job for our association and I'm excited to have him as our new president.

Bill Siegrist was elected to replace Tom as secretary. Bill has been instrumental in keeping our website up-to-date for the past few years.

Pat Kish will continue to serve as treasurer.

There were no nominees for the position of Vice President, so that position will remain open.

I want to thank all of those who took the time to contact me over the past several years. Whether it was an issue, a question, or a recommendation, it always reminded me of just how lucky we are to have members who share in our mission to help keep the lakes healthy and safe.

The November newsletter marks the issue when we begin requesting dues and donations for the coming year. Dues and recommended donations remain unchanged from last year. I hope we can count on your continued support and generosity.

I would ask one additional thing from membership and that is if you are aware of someone new to our lakes, please help to welcome them to this great community and share the fact that we have an association that might be worth joining. We always have extra newsletters and if you let us know, I'll be glad to mail them one.

Please stay safe and healthy and look out for the well-being of others.

Dominic Manzi

TWIN LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS-EFFECTIVE 12/1/20

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Thanks to all those who contributed to this issue.

D. Manzi, Editor

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association
Statement of Activities for January 1 to September 30, 2020

	Total		General Fund		Aeration		Eurasian Watermilfoil	
	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date
REVENUES								
Lake Stewardships	14,600	8,250	14,600	8,250				
Family Memberships	5,000	2,030	5,000	2,030				
Interest	1,000	725	1,000	725				
Other	-	490		490				
Aeration	6,000	4,750			6,000	4,750		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	815					-	815
Total Revenue	26,600	17,060	20,600	11,495	6,000	4,750	-	815
EXPENSES								
Education	500	-	500	-				
Memberships and Communication	2,000	380	2,000	380				
Insurance	2,000	959	2,000	959				
Advertising and Public Relations	500	-	500	-				
Postal Expense	1,500	552	1,500	552				
Membership Events	500	-	500	-				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	7,500	50	7,500	50				
Contingency	100	-	100	-				
Organizational	1,500	337	1,500	337				
Community Donations	1,500	500	1,500	500				
Beach Party	3,000	-	3,000	-				
Aeration	11,000	14,536			11,000	14,536		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	15,000	8,850					15,000	8,850
Total Expenses	46,600	26,165	20,600	2,779	11,000	14,536	15,000	8,850
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	(20,000)	(9,105)	-	8,716	(5,000)	(9,786)	(15,000)	(8,035)
2020 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		162,467.67		33,993		16,672		111,803
Balance Cash and CD at September 30, 2020		153,363.01		42,710		6,886		103,767

2021 Calendar of Events

May 29 **Membership Meeting** – Lewiston Elementary School

July 10 **Beach Party** – East Twin Public Beach (features games for kids and live music)

August 25 **Membership Meeting** – Lewiston Elementary School

During the first quarter next year, we will reach out to determine interest in someone hosting a Wine & Cheese Party in the fall (September or October).

West Twin EWM Management by Tom Conquest

2020 has been a year of challenges for each of us. But fortunately, our ongoing management of the Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) invasive species in West Twin Lake was not significantly affected this past season. PLM Lake & Land Management, our TLPOA selected contractor, was able to treat several isolated EWM locations with herbicides fully approved per a permit issued by the Michigan Environment, Great Lakes Energy (EGLE) department. PLM performed treatments in June, July and September this summer resulting in continued control of the EWM infestation with minimal to no impact to recreational activities and the overall health of the lake.

In addition to our EWM herbicide treatments, PLM conducted lake surveys on both East and West Twin in September to identify any invasive plant species that may be present. Good news resulted from this survey in that no invasive species were identified in East Twin and only the EWM invasive species we have been treating for several years now on West Twin was identified. Note that once EWM becomes present in a lake, it can rarely be eliminated, only managed to prevent over-growth.

Total EWM management costs this past season were \$8,850, out of a 2020 budget of \$15,000. Thanks to your past generous support to our EWM restricted fund, our current EWM fund balance of approximately \$104k should easily support planned EWM management for 2021. So as a result, we are not soliciting any further donations to the EWM restricted fund for 2021.

Continued vigilance in fighting the spread of invasive species by washing boats being transported between lakes and not throwing known invasive plant from anchors back in the water are the most important things we can do as responsible lake stewards. If you suspect any new invasive species on either East or West Twin Lake, or any new EWM locations on West Twin, feel free to contact Tom Conquest at 'boiler15@att.net'.

Storm Water Retention Pond Impact on East Twin Water Clarity

According to an article published in the October 14, 2020 issue of the Montmorency Tribune, Ted Orm, County Road Commissioner reported findings from a study conducted by Restorative Lake Sciences (RLS). His report was made at the regular township meeting held October 5. Orm said "the storm retention pond is not responsible for contaminants in East Twin Lake. The levels of phosphorous, chlorides and nitrogen going into the pond are reduced before exiting the pond, but those levels increase, again, before going into the lake."

The article went on to explain that fertilizers and other chemicals used by landowners are thought to contribute to the increasing levels of contaminants before storm water enters the lake. It also mentions that boat motors used during the summer are believed to be a factor that can reduce water clarity.

TLPOA Board Member John Jackson has indicated that the water clarity on East Twin lake was improved this past season as determined by conducting Secchi disk readings. He went on to say that his readings in 2020 were better than previous years in which he's performed this test.

One explanation for improving water clarity is the increased number of lakefront properties that have taken action to reduce shoreline erosion. Shoreline erosion was the major contributing factor for declining water clarity that was reported by RLS in a study conducted in 2018.

Special thanks go to John Jackson and Jerry Beattie (West Twin) who perform the water tests on both lakes in conjunction with the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). These tests are a vital component in our efforts to keep our lakes healthy.

Mink Family Take Up Residence on the North Shore of West Twin by Dominic Manzi

Jerry & Sue Beattie shared this photo taken of a family of minks who have been hanging out around their West Twin home. A little research has revealed these furry creatures to be American Minks. American Minks are a semi-aquatic carnivores that feed on fish, rodents, crustaceans, frogs, and sometimes birds.

In warm water, they can swim for three hours without stopping, but cold water can kill them within just a few minutes. On land, they move up to speeds of 4 mph and they're very good at climbing trees.

Don't get too close to one though. When stressed, a mink can expel contents from its anal glands and scent glands. The smell produced has been described as more unbearable than that produced by skunks... YIKES!



Pictured above are Monica Mae Mink and three of her four kits: Millie, Melvin and Moriah.

The American Mink is a somewhat promiscuous animal that does not form pair bonds. They generally start mating between February and April (in the north). The gestation period lasts from 40 to 75 days. This range in gestation is attributed to the pregnant mink's ability to control her pregnancy to align with environmental conditions. The young are born between April and June and consist of four "kits" on average.

Special thanks to the Beattie's for providing the pic.



How will we remember the year 2020? Tom Conquest provided these pics (above). Tom's granddaughter Audrey Conquest is pictured in the middle left. The look on her face reveals the excitement and joy of that moment. It will undoubtedly give her a wonderful memory of time spent with her grandpa while enjoying lake living at its best.

Our 2020 Lake Stewards

The TLPOA Board would like to recognize and extend our gratitude to those listed below who decided to be Lake Stewards in 2020. These contributions are above and beyond donations made to the Aeration or EWM Funds. Collections from Lake Stewardships, as well as Basic Family Memberships dues go into the TLPOA's General Fund and make so many things possible including lake surveys and monitoring, social events like the annual Beach Party and the Wine & Cheese Party.

The Lewiston Lodge	Bill & Marsha Havey	The Owczarek Family
MFTH Vacation Rentals	Fred & Carol Heine	Chris Paffi
Sweetwater Homes	Dick & Judy Horning	Tom & Bonnie Page
Twin Lakes Marina, Inc.	Larry & Katherine Howell	Michael & Linda Panek
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LewistonLakeLiving@gmail.com.

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2021 TLPOA MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS

New *Renewal*

Member Name(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

Primary Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Lake Address _____

Telephone () _____ East Twin Lake West Twin Lake

2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS		
	Membership Dues or Suggested Contribution Amounts	My Lake Contribution
Membership Dues Lake Stewardship provides additional funding for special projects to study and maintain a healthy lake ecology and benefit the lake community.	\$150 Lake Stewardship or \$35 Basic Family Membership	\$
Aeration Suggested Contribution Your contribution will allow the TLPOA to maintain the aeration system on East Twin Lake, including replacing parts as needed, and paying for electricity. Suggested contribution rates based on lake frontage owned are shown at right. We welcome all levels of contribution!	Lakefront Owners Less than 75 ft. of lake frontage \$50 75 to 125 ft. of lake frontage \$75 More than 125 ft. of lake frontage \$100 Shared Access \$25	\$
Eurasian Water Milfoil Treatment Generous contributions from our membership along with grants from Montmorency County have allowed the TLPOA to respond quickly to control EWM and have covered the anticipated costs of surveying and treating infested areas.	We are currently funded at a sufficient level to meet current needs and have suspended our requests for funding for 2021. Thank you!	
MY TOTAL LAKE CONTRIBUTION		\$

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT! PLEASE MAIL TODAY!

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PLEASE RENEW YOUR TLPOA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021 AND HELP TO KEEP OUR LAKES HEALTHY!