

TLPOA Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2022

Meeting Called to Order by President Tom Conquest at 8:30am

Attendees:

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

Meeting Minutes:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the July 23, 2022 Board Meeting and August 20, 2022 Membership Meeting.

Officer Remarks:

Tom commented that he had been contacted by a person looking to buy a lakefront home on East Twin and that the individual had located our website and used information it provided to help complete his research of the area.

Wendy discussed the need to move the TLPOA's bank account from PNC to a local bank in Lewiston. Judd made a motion which was approved by the Board to allow Wendy to move the account to a local bank and to place Tom, Pat and Wendy on the account. Wendy also commented that we have a \$50,000 CD that should also be moved to a local bank, which will be addressed at a later time.

Action Items

Tom brought up Caralyn Pender's concern over the growth of lily pads in front of her home on West Twin. Judd stated that lily pads also exist on East Twin near the culvert and appear to be growing in size. Lily pads are natural to inland lakes and are not considered invasive. However, the Board will continue to monitor the lily pads on both lakes.

New Business:

Donation to Lewiston Schools

The Lewiston schools allow the TLPOA to use the elementary school's meeting room for our two membership meetings each year. In return Judd suggested the TLPOA consider a donation to the school to be used as they deem appropriate. The Board approved a motion to donate \$1500 in unused Beach Party monies.

Possible Expansion of Aeration System

Tom stated that a property owner on East Twin had requested the TLPOA consider expanding the aeration system to other areas of the lake where high muck levels may exist. Judd suggested we consider using the company that heat maps the lakes to complete a survey of the

East Twin to identify areas with high concentrations of muck to help in deciding whether an expansion of the system should be considered. Tom asked Tim to ride around the lake to observe possible areas of higher muck and report back to the Board. We will also need to know the estimated cost to install and maintain additional compressors and diffusers.

Proposed Camp Grayling Expansion

Pat provided Board members copies of a letter to the DNR from the Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club expressing its opposition to the proposed expansion. Pat commented that a DNR representative had stated at a public meeting that the expansion will most likely be smaller than what has been officially proposed. Pat will continue to monitor the proposed expansion and report back to Board.

Barger Creek Internet Tower

Pat commented that the tower on West Twin has been removed.

Water Clarity

The Board discussed the on-going problem with water clarity on East Twin and a list of actions John provided that could be taken to help improve the clarity.

- Reduce nutrients entering East and West Twin Lakes by use of Phoslock and UltraSorb at strategic locations such as the East Twin canal and retention pond.
- Reduce stormwater entering the retention pond by adding rain gardens
- Improve the performance of the East Twin retention pond by developing and implementing a rehabilitation plan.
- Reduce septic system input into the lakes via increased inspections to identify systems that need to be fixed.
- Improve East and West Twin shorelines through continuing education.

John commented that while phosphorous levels are up, the application of Phoslock this year and again next year should help. And provided the state approves the use of UtraSorb filters, we will contract with PLM to begin applying them next year to strategic areas such as the retention pond.

Pete recommended we consider paying for an engineering study to identify the things that are impacting the water clarity and the actions that can be taken to address them, and associated costs. Huron Pines is considering a grant to help us with this. We can apply now for use in 2024. Judd recommended we also consider requesting covid funds from the Township to help pay for the study.

Pete asked whether we should do testing for e-coli at the waters edge. Judd commented that the health department had previously done testing which showed no e-coli.

Improving shoreline erosion was also discussed which Pete commented that Greg Bator feels is very important. Pete asked whether the TLPOA should consider offering grants to property

owners to help reduce their costs for shoreline improvements and thereby increase participation. The Board tabled this for future discussion.

Pete and Tom stated we need a comprehensive action plan to address the water clarity problems in both lakes.

Wendy to investigate the legal implications if the Board in the future would consider allocating portions of monies currently in our dedicated funds for other lake health related projects.

Old Business:

Membership Drive

Tom Page had sent an email to the Board showing that we currently have 292 total TLPOA members comprised of 158 Family members, 129 Lake Stewards, and 5 others.

Aeration

Tim stated the system will be shut down and winterized in 2-3 weeks.

EWM

Nothing new discussed.

Website/Facebook Page

Nothing new discussed.

Newsletter

Pat discussed how the newsletter is currently distributed to members and non-members. It was suggested that we allow people to opt out of the paper newsletter and receive it via email which would reduce our mailing costs. We would continue however to send a paper copy out to everyone each November to include the annual membership enrollment form. The Board approved this change in distribution practices.

Go Around:

Pete handed out some brochures which Tom agreed to add to our website.

Pat discussed the need for a new TLPOA incoming email address because Greg Bator uses the current one. She will report back to the Board which email addresses we could consider using.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 22nd at the library. The meeting was adjourned at 10:22am.

Minutes prepared by Bill Siegrist