

Lewiston Lake Living

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

"making a difference in the life of our lakes and our community"

MAY, 2023

President's Letter

Spring has sprung! A little late for my taste, but finally here. If you are anything like me, this time of year brings two emotions. One of exhaustion from raking leaves, setting up grills and lawn chairs, installing docks, putting boats in the water, and all the other things needed to get ready for the summer season. But once all the work is done, one of pure enjoyment by relaxing in my favorite lawn chair and gazing out at our beautiful lakes.

Are you aware that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) stocks both East and West Twin Lakes every other year with over 60,000 fingerling walleye? We were recently notified that the DNR plans to include both East and West Twin Lakes as two of seven Michigan inland lakes involved in a multi-year walleye monitoring program starting this season. This program involves collecting fish population and water quality data to help the DNR better manage its fish stocking programs. As a bonus to the TLPOA, the DNR will be sharing their collected data with us to further supplement all the water quality data we already collect.

I hope you join us for an hour or so at our annual TLPOA Membership Meeting at the Lewiston School on Saturday, May 27 at 9:00 a.m. where in addition to this walleye monitoring program, we have a lot of new information to share. I'm certain this will be more than worth your time. Come a little early for free coffee and donuts and a time for meeting with friends and neighbors.

See you on the 27th.

Tom Conquest

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Thanks to all those who contributed to this issue.

Pat Kish, Editor

**Twin Lakes Property Owners Association
Statement of Activities for January 1 to March 31, 2023**

	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	18,000	4,950	18,000	4,950				
Family Memberships	5,000	1,120	5,000	1,120				
Interest	200	80	200	80				
Other	-	595	-	595				
Aeration	8,250	1,965			8,250	1,965		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	-					-	-
Total Revenue	31,450	8,710	23,200	6,745	8,250	1,965	-	-
EXPENSES								
Education	1,000		1,000	-				
Memberships and Communication	1,500		1,500	-				
Insurance	1,100		1,100	-				
Advertising and Public Relations	1,000	40	1,000	40				
Postal Expense	1,000		1,000	-				
Membership Events	600		600	-				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	5,800	170	5,800	170				
Contingency	1,000		1,000	-				
Organizational	1,000	127	1,000	127				
Community Donations & Events	5,000	100	5,000	100				
Aeration	7,000	210			7,000	210		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	5,000						5,000	-
Total Expenses	31,000	647	19,000	437	7,000	210	5,000	-
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	450	8,063	4,200	6,308	1,250	1,755	(5,000)	-
2023 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		197,199		93,640		12,827		90,732
Balance Cash and CD at Mar 31, 2023		205,262		99,948		14,582		90,732

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
ACTIVITIES**

Boat Parades – Monday, July 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Decorate your boat in red, white, and blue stars and stripes for the TLPOA’s Annual Fourth of July Boat Parades. All those interested in participating are welcome. Boat decorations are encouraged, but optional.

The **Raietta Ott East Twin Lake Boat Parade** will meet just east of the island.

The **Pete Petoskey West Twin Lake Boat Parade** will meet just north of Eagle Point.

Fireworks – Monday, July 3 at dusk

Prepare to be awestruck as the Twin Lakes Marina presents its annual fireworks show over East Twin Lake on Monday at dusk. Many thanks to Mary and Bob Walter at the Twin Lakes Marina for this spectacular extravaganza. If you would like to help, please donate at the marina. All donations are appreciated!

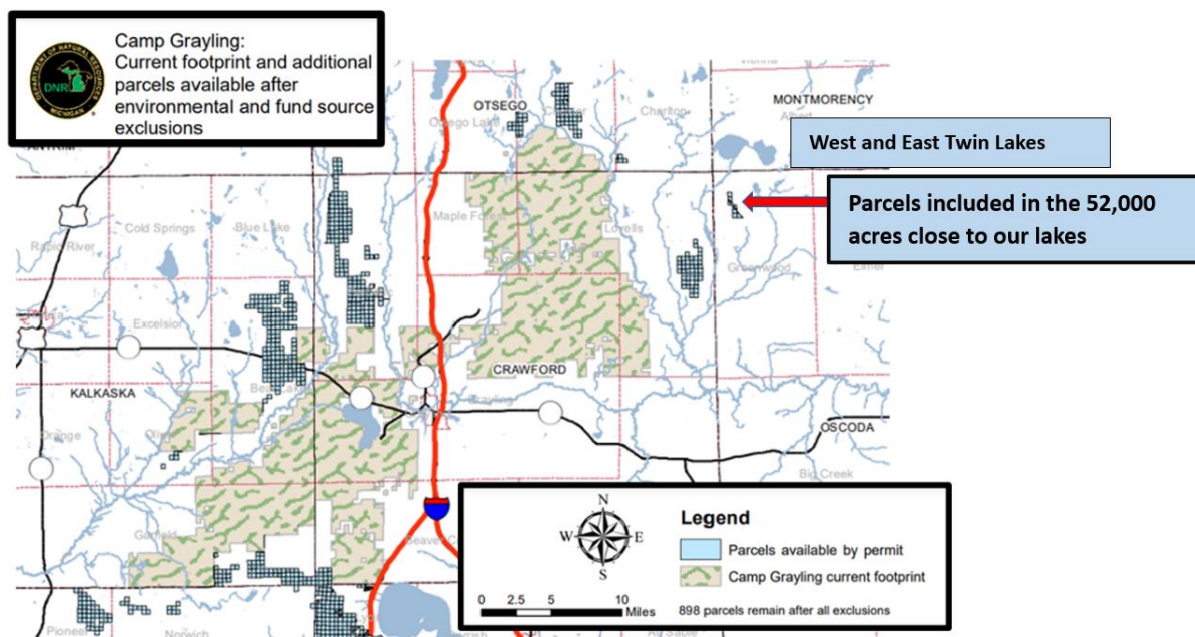
DNR Denies MI National Guard Petition for 162,000 Acres, but leaves door open to 52,000 acres.

After hearing from thousands of residents, more than 60 governmental organizations, and Tribal governments, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) denied a proposed 20-year lease of an additional 162,000 acres of state forest lands to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). Instead, 52,000 acres will be available to the DMVA, if they apply for special use permits, use the same process open to others, and pay any fees or costs associated with the permit.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) between the DNR and the DMVA was signed in late April and will be in effect for five years. The MOA states:

- only the amount of land needed for military training will be permitted.
- all areas permitted will still be open to legal public and Tribal use during the time of the permit.
- military training exercises are not allowed in sensitive habitat areas or within 3,000 feet (previously 1,500 feet) of any inland lakes or designated trout streams.
- any State land must be maintained in the condition they existed prior to military use.
- military activities **can include** small formation activity involving less than 500 National Guard members and up to 100 affiliated party members, controlled trials of cyber and electronic warfare technologies, and low impact light maneuver training
- military activities **can not include** live fire, loud conduct, use of any materials known to contain PFAS, use of tanks, fencing or any permanent structure, significant damage to vegetation

Some opponents of the original expansion proposal continue to oppose even a limited expansion of the existing 148,000 acres Camp Grayling currently occupies. They cite the 70,000 acres currently within Camp Grayling's footprint that are not currently utilized and concerns about the military's ability to remediate current PFAS contamination.



Storm Water Collection System to be Studied

For many years, your TLPOA Board has been concerned about the storm water collection system from the downtown Lewiston business district that flows into a retention pond south of the post office and then subsequently into East Twin Lake.

After a joint meeting with the Albert Township Board of Supervisors, the Montmorency County Road Commission, and the Huron Pines non-profit environmental organization, the TLPOA Board has decided to proceed with a storm water assessment of the district and its effect on East Twin Lake.

The initial phase of the study will be funded by TLPOA. Any further actions resulting of this review will be subject to much discussion and input from all parties. A formal assessment will be needed before any course of action can be determined.

The TLPOA Board feels that supporting this approach it will be of great benefit to the lake community, especially if grant funding to help improve this situation is to be pursued in the future.



May Membership Meeting

Let's formally welcome the East and West Twin Lake summer season by getting together with your lake neighbors and catching up with all the news since our last meeting. Your TLPOA Board has been busy during the offseason, monitoring the health of our lakes, keeping current with governmental and environmental issues, and making plans for social events.

The membership meeting will be held on Saturday, May 27 (Memorial Day Weekend) at the Lewiston Elementary School. Coffee and donuts will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

The tentative agenda will include

- Welcome
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Report
- Camp Grayling Proposed Expansion
- East Twin Aeration
- West Twin Eurasian Watermilfoil Management
- East & West Twin Vegetation Survey Results
- Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program / Water Clarity
- DNR Walleye Monitoring Program
- TLPOA Social Activities
- Q&A

It's not officially summer on East and West Twin Lakes until our May membership meeting adjourns, so we'll keep the meeting brief and let the summer fun begin!





by Lauren Denby, Project Coordinator for Michigan Recycling Coalition

The cold Michigan winter months require boaters to protect boats with covers that are often single-use, bulky, and difficult to manage during disposal. Disposing of these covers in a landfill has a huge environmental impact, as manufacturing with virgin materials requires more natural resource consumption. Recycling can make a big difference. For every bag of material recycled through the Recycle Run program, we save 115 kWh of energy, 13.5 gallons of oil, and 20 cubic feet of landfill space!

Before the Recycle Run program, throwing out boat covers was essentially the only option for most boat owners in Michigan. The Recycle Run program has connected a network of partners to make recycling boat covers easy, accessible, and efficient for anyone in the state. The Recycle Run program has been active for over 10 years, and we continue to work hard to grow and strengthen the program every year.

Boat covers collected through the Recycle Run program are recycled into roofing and decking materials, plastic bags, and even more boat covers.

As boaters, it is important that we do everything we can to keep our waters beautiful and plastic-free. In 2022, we recycled 95,500 pounds of boat covers, keeping those materials out of the waste stream and giving them a productive second life.

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Our Lewiston lake community is fortunate to have a convenient local drop-off location for filled shrink wrap receptacle bags at the Twin Lakes Marina. If you need fewer than 5 receptacle bags, and would like to participate, here's how:

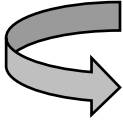
1. Call Dr. Shrink, manufacturer of the receptacle bags, at (800) 968-5147 to order your bags. Each bag comes with a zip tie to seal the bag, along with instructions on how to remove your boat covers. Bags are industrial-size and can hold covers from up to a 32-foot boat (1 large cover or 1 to 3 small covers). Each bag costs \$7 plus approximately \$10 for shipping via USPS.
2. Uncover your boat and place only the shrink wrap in the receptacle bag to keep it clean and dry. Cut off any buckles, straps, etc. Prepping the shrink wrap for recycling is easy. Here's a quick video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s71gbGkfnEk> and here's a printable document: <https://dr-shrink.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Preparation-Instructions.pdf>
3. Take the filled receptacle bag to the Twin Lakes Marina.
4. You're done! Thanks for recycling, saving landfill space, and providing materials for reuse.

For more information about the Recycle Run program, please visit <https://michiganrecycles.org/ag-plastics/>.

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TLPOA MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS

New Member Renewal



Send my newsletters (except during November's membership drive) by email only.

Member(s) Name(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

Primary Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Lake Address _____

Telephone () _____ East Twin Lake West Twin Lake

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 Watermilfoil 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. Thank you!	
MY TOTAL LAKE CONTRIBUTION		\$

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT! PLEASE MAIL TODAY!

The TLPOA is a 501(c)(3) public charity and your contribution may be deductible if you itemize your deductions on your tax return. Consult your tax adviser for details.

Please make your check payable to TLPOA and mail to

P.O. Box 807, Lewiston, MI 49756

Summer Fun on the Lakes Calendar of Events

	Date	Location	Time
May Membership Meeting	Saturday, May 27	Lewiston Elementary School	8:30 a.m. coffee, donuts, and socializing 9:00 a.m. meeting
Boat Parades	Monday, July 3	East Twin Lake – island West Twin Lake – Eagle Point	5:00 p.m.
Fireworks - provided by Twin Lakes Marina (donations appreciated!)	Mon July 3	East Twin Lake	dusk
Heart of the Summer Party	Saturday, July 22	Johnson Subdivision Beach	7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
August Membership Meeting	Saturday, August 26	Lewiston Elementary School	8:30 a.m. coffee, donuts, and socializing 9:00 a.m. meeting
Wine and Cheese Party	Saturday, August 26	Hosted by Theresa and John Scott	Details to be announced.

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DO YOU NEED TO RENEW YOUR TLPOA MEMBERSHIP? RENEW TODAY!
PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR LAKES HEALTHY!