

# TLPOA Board Meeting Minutes

## October 2, 2021

**Meeting Called to Order** by President Tom Conquest at 8:28 AM.

**Attendees:**

Board Members - Tom Conquest, Bill Siegrist, Pat Kish, John Jackson, Tim Manganello, Dominic Manzi.

**Meeting Minutes:**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the August 21, 2021 membership meeting and Board Meeting.

**Officer Remarks:**

Tom informed the board that Karen Wilding has resigned from the Board as the social events coordinator. But she is willing to help transition her replacement, including helping with next year's summer beach party if necessary.

Pat confirmed that she is planning to step down as Treasurer and is willing to take over responsibility for the newsletter.

Tom communicated that we can pay for our Zoom subscription annually versus monthly in order to save money. The Board agreed to make this switch.

Pat stated that she had paid two PLM invoices, \$1436.78 in August and \$1606.24 in September, and that the TLPOA currently has balances of \$41,000 in checking, \$75,000 in a money market account and \$54,000 in a CD. She paid the annual \$20 filing fee for our license with LARA. And she will review the quarterly report during our next Board meeting.

**New Business:**

- **Membership Drive**

Tom had previously sent to the Board an email he received from Tom Page summarizing the results of the membership drive. In total 66 new members were signed with more to come. Of the 66 new members, 21 joined as Lake Stewards. It was noted that many of the new members had previously been members but whose memberships had lapsed.

Tim recommended we provide the local real estate agencies with copies of the TLPOA brochure created as part of the membership drive and ask the agencies to give copies to new buyers. Tom said he would work on this.

The question was asked whether Tom Page would be willing to maintain an active and potential membership list going forward. Tom and Dominic agreed to contact him about this and report back to the Board.

- **Light and Noise Concerns**

Tom had provided the Board with copies of a survey drafted by TLPOA member Debbie Johnston on West Twin Lake. The Board discussed the survey and questioned what we would do with the information gathered and what it would accomplish. The Board decided against using a survey and instead will publish the information we already have on the impacts of light and noise pollution in the upcoming newsletter. This will contain information that had previously been shared by the TLPOA with the membership a few years ago.

- **Electronic Payment of Membership Dues:**

Mary Ellen Aria had provided the Board with a summary of her analysis and recommendations, including two potential electronic payment options. One of the options includes converting over to the use of QuickBooks for maintaining the TLPOA's financial records. Pat stated that she is not willing to take this on considering her decision to step down as treasurer. The Board therefore decided to table this discussion until a later date.

John identified someone that might be interested in the treasurer position. He will contact him about it.

## **Old Business:**

- **Aeration**

Tim communicated that the system will be shut down by the end of October. He was approached by Clean-Flo looking for information comparing the old versus new aeration systems, and he provided what he had. Clean-Flo also asked for permission to use the TLPOA's information, experience and results in their marketing. Tim suggested and the Board approved him providing Clean-Flo a generic comparison not to include company and equipment names.

- **EWM**

Tom reported that PLM completed 3 treatments on West Twin this year.

- **Water Clarity**

John and Tim met with PLM in late August and discussed the use of EutroSorb filter bags and Phoslock to help reduce the levels of phosphorus in the lakes. The EutroSorb bags would be placed at critical source areas to help filter out phosphorus as runoff water enters the lakes. PhosLock would be spread over the surface of the water in the East Twin canal to create a coating on both the surface and canal bottom to help reduce phosphorus entering the lake from the canal. We would contract with PLM to perform the work.

PhosLock has been approved for use on Michigan lakes by the State of Michigan/EGLE, but we would need to obtain approval from EGLE for the use of the EutroSorb bags. John suggested a 12-month budget of approximately \$5000 be approved to cover the overall cost. At some point in time, we would request reimbursement from the Road Commission for a portion of this expense.

Pat recommended we put this project to a vote of all members prior to signing a contract with PLM. After discussing her recommendation, the Board decided instead to include an article in the next newsletter to educate members about the purpose and scope of the project and give them an opportunity to ask questions and express concerns. Tom will draft an article for the Board's review and approval.

- **Water Levels**

Tim is planning to begin measuring the water level at his seawall each spring and fall. Tom will contact the Marina to obtain any water level measurements they maintain.

- **Social Events**

Tom asked the Board to consider whether the TLPOA should still have a summer beach party next year, and if so, who could we get to replace Karen Wilding. This will be discussed further during the next Board meeting.

- **Website/Facebook Page**

Mary Ellen had provided the Board a summary analysis of the feasibility of adding an electronic payment option to our website which the board started discussions on during this meeting.

- **Newsletter**

Nothing new reported.

- **Septic Tank Ordinance**

Nothing new reported.

**Go Around:**

Nothing specific discussed.

Our next scheduled TLPOA Board Meeting is October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the library and Tom will also provide for Board members to be able to join via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Minutes prepared by Bill Siegrist