

MEETING MINUTES
TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING
Morton Township Hall, 290 W. Main Street, Mecosta, MI
August 11, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

1. **Call to order.** Meeting called to order by Dave Lewis at 7:31p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Roll Call:** Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Linda Howard, and Karla Miller. Others Present: Rick Buteyn, Progressive AE and Randy Walsdorf, Candidate for Tri-Lakes Improvement Board.
4. **Lake Board Meeting**
 - a.) **Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2022.** S. Brogan moved with support from L. Howard to approve the minutes from April 25, 2022, meeting as presented. Motion carried.
 - b.) **Appoint new Board Member -** S. Brogan moved with support from L. Howard to appoint Randy Walsdorf as the Riparian Representative. Motion carried.
 - c.) **Treasurer’s Report -** Sandy Brogan, Treasurer, presented the report. L. Howard moved with support from K. Miller to accept the Treasurer’s Report, with a bank balance of \$72,344.84. Motion carried.
 - d.) **Payment of Bills –** Sandy Brogan presented the following invoices for payment.:
PLM Lake Management for weed treatment in the amount of \$7,884.06
The Pioneer Group for publication of meeting notice in the amount of \$187.70
Progressive AE for consulting in the amount of \$2,750.000
R. Walsdorf moved with the support of L. Howard to pay the above invoices. Motion carried.
5. **Public Hearing of Practicability**
 - a.) **Project Overview by Progressive AE -** Rick Buteyn presented Tri-Lakes Improvement Program Proposed Annual Budget and Assessment Information 2023-2027. Rick stated that the scope of the work for lake treatments, the method of special assessment computation and budget amount remain the same as the prior program. There are surplus funds available for the purchase and installation of a boat wash station at the public launch site.
 - b.) **Public Comment**

Kirk Bliesener of 11438 Phoebe Lane appeared before the Board and voiced concern over the thick weed cover in the channel near his property and asked if the area could be treated.

Mary Schregardus of 9520 Marywood Drive appeared before the Board and asked for help with identifying plants within the lake. A letter she wrote to the board was read aloud regarding light reduction methods being used to reduce plant growth as an option to chemical treatment.

Dean Birch of 10875 West Blue Lake Drive appeared before the Board and asked questions regarding the bidding, contracting, treatment process and the computation of the budget regarding the Improvement Program.

Gary Bonner of Lake Mecosta appeared before the Board and voiced concern over lawn care and septic systems adding to the weed growth and voiced concern over the effects of chemical treatment reducing wildlife populations.

Al Rosin of 10916 Blue Ridge Lane appeared before the Board and asked questions about the proposed boat wash and the costs involved in its operation.

Martha Boetcher of 9560 Marywood Drive appeared before the Board and suggested reading material for the Board regarding lake management and discussed the boat wash process.

Joan Abbott appeared before the Board and discussed the overall changes to the Tri-Lakes over the years.

An email received from John Zielinski of 10651 East Blue Lake was read aloud that stated he is in favor of the 2023-2027 Improvement Program with exception of the boat wash.

A letter received from Gregory and Dorothy Dwyer owners of parcel 54-11-37-032-000 was read aloud that stated they are in favor of the 2023-2027 Improvement Program with exception of the boat wash.

c.) Close Public Hearing of Practicality – *S. Brogan moved with the support of L. Howard to close the Hearing of Practicability. Motion carried.*

d.) Consideration of Resolution to Proceed with Improvements to the Tri-Lakes – The Resolution to Proceed with Improvements to Tri-Lakes was read aloud. *S. Brogan moved with support from L. Howard to remove the installation of a boat wash from the Improvement Program. Motion carried.*

S. Brogan moved with support from L. Howard to pass the Resolution to Proceed with Improvements. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried. K. Miller, Board Secretary, signed resolution.

6. Public Hearing on Special Assessment Roll

- a.) **Special Assessment Criteria.** S. Brogan presented the Proposed Assessments for 2023-2027 Tri-Lakes Improvement Program. L. Howard moved with support from R. Walsdorf to accept the Assessment roll method. Motion carried. The assessment is as follows:

Property Classifications	Apportionment	# Properties	Assessment	Total Income
Residential Parcels:				
Waterfront	1.0	395	\$178.00	\$ 70,310.00
Backlot with access	0.50	150	\$ 89.00	13,083.00
Back lot without access	0.25	29	\$ 44.50	1,290.50
Not Developable Parcels:				
Waterfront	0.50	3	\$ 89.00	267.00
Backlot with access	0.25	2	\$ 44.50	89.00
Back lot without access	0.125	1	\$ 22.26	22.26
Commercial Parcels:				
Waterfront	2.0	5	\$356.00	1,780.00
Backlot with access	1.0	2	\$178.00	356.00
Back lot without access	0.5	1	\$ 89.00	89.00
Mobile Home & Camp Sites:				
	0.20			
Holiday Terrace		71	35.60	2,527.60
Round Lake Resort		8	35.60	<u>284.80</u>
Total Properties assessed		707		\$90,099.16

Proposed Modifications to 2023 Tri-Lakes Lake Improvement Board Special Assessment:

- 1) ADD: 11-053-157-000 (Frieling) BL w/ access; 89.00
 ADD: 11-053-190-000 (CLDC) BL w/ Access; 89.00
 ADD: 11-053-191-000 (Morrisette) BL w/ access; 89.00
 ADD: 11-063-014-000 (Dearing) LF; 178.00
 ADD: 11-037-102-000 (McNamara) BL w/ Access; 89.00
- 2) DELETE: 11-017-057-001 (Morrisette) ND LF; 89.00
 DELETE: 11-037-068-000; (Sadaway) BL w/ access; 89.00
 DELETE: 11-049-000-000 (Murcol Park) ND BL w/ access 44.50
 DELETE: 11-053-000-000 (Lynn Park Property Owners) ND LF 89.00
 DELETE: 11-037-067-000 (Midshore Dr Park) ND BL w/o access 22.26

Total modifications to Assessment Table + \$200.24

Proposed Assessment for 2023 Tri-Lakes Lake Improvement Board **\$90,299.40**

- b.) **Public Comment** – A letter from Keith Feight of 10555 E. Blue Lake Drive was read aloud which state he is in favor of the special assessment. He would like to see a portion of the funds raised be used towards shoreline protection of the island on Blue Lake.
- c.) **Close Hearing on Assessment Roll** – L. Howard moved with support from D. Lewis to close the hearing on the Assessment Roll. Motion carried.

d.) Consideration of resolution Confirming Roll and Directing Collection of Special Assessments – The Resolution was read aloud. L. Howard moved with support from S. Brogan to accept the Resolution Confirming Roll and Directing Collection of Special Assessment. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays; motion carried. K. Miller, Board Secretary, signed resolution.

7. Adjourn. K. Miller moved with support from S. Brogan to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karla Miller

Secretary for the Tri-Lakes Improvement Board
Mecosta County Drain Commissioner