

**MINUTES
 TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING
 Morton Township Hall, Morton Township, Mecosta County, Michigan
 October 25, 2018**

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mark Wrona.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call.** Board members present: Chair Mark Wrona, Sandy Brogan, Dave Lewis & Jackie Fitzgerald. Board Member absent: Linda Howard.

Others Present. None.

4. **Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2017.** *It was moved by S. Brogan with support from D. Lewis to approve the Minutes from November 13, 2017. Voted on, motion carried.*
5. **Treasurers Report.** S. Brogan reviewed the Treasurers Report. The Tri-Lakes Improvement has an account balance of \$75,190.20. *Moved by D. Lewis with support from J. Fitzgerald to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Voted on, motion carried.*

Sandy also went over the 2018 Special Assessment Roll with changes that need to be made and turned into Morton Township. Below are the changes to the Tri-Lake Improvement 2018 Special Assessment Roll:

Parcel Changes for 2018

<u>Delete</u>		<u>Add</u>		
54-11-008-046-500	\$178.00	54-11-008-046-001	\$178.00	Parcel Changes
54-11-037-102-000	\$89.00			Contiguous Lot
		54-11-053-162-000	\$89.00	Contiguous Lot
		54-11-050-081-000	\$89.00	Contiguous Lot
Total Deleted	\$267.00	Total Added	\$356.00	

Total assessment for 2018 (\$90,072.45 - \$267.00 + 356.00) = \$90,161.45

Moved by M. Wrona with support from D. Lewis to approve the above, 2018 Special Assessment Roll – parcel changes for the Tri-Lakes Improvement, requested by Treasurer, Sandy Brogan. Voted on, motion carried.

6. Aquatic Plant Control Contract.

Progressive AE was not able to attend tonight's meeting but sent an e-mail with information concerning the renewal of the Aquatic Plant Control Contract with PLM Lake & Land Management. Below is an excerpt from his e-mail concerning the treatments that took place in 2018 and their recommendation.

This year's treatments were successful in the control of Eurasian Milfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, and starry stonewort. PLM was successful with the treatments and were responsive when given direction. Three treatments occurred this year targeting Eurasian Milfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, starry stonewort and nuisance native plant growth. Approximately \$43,225 was spent on plant control, leaving a surplus of approximately \$30,775. The reduced spending this year could be attributed to less severe starry stonewort growth as well as some residual control from the milfoil treatments from 2017.

Looking into next year, we will continue to first target the invasive plant species in the Tri-Lakes (Eurasian milfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, and starry stonewort) and address nuisance native growth where it inhibits boat traffic and is allowed within the DEQ permit.

I (Progressive AE) recommend that we extend their contract into 2019.

After some discussion the following was noted:

- Questions and concerns with the way PLM post the spray/treatment areas. Sandy Brogan will reach out the Progressive AE, for requirements and explanation of the way posting is handled.
- Cole Creek outlet – the concern here is heavy weed growth in the area where Cole Creek outlets into Round Lake. They are requesting some extra attention to this area next year (2019).

Per a recommendation from Progressive AE the following motion was made: **Moved by D. Lewis with support from M. Wrona to extend the Contract with PLM Lake & Land Management for weed treatments on the Tri-Lakes for 2019. Voted on, motion carried.**

7. Blue Lake Dam update from J. Fitzgerald.

The Drain Commissioner has found that two of the boards have holes rusted in them. She has requested a proposal from Steve Jones Company to replace all three boards and paint walkway. After consulting with Mecosta County Board of Commissioners she will proceed with getting a couple more bids to replace the boards and to paint the structure.

8. Payment of Bills. S. Brogan brought forth Progressive AE bills that needed or will need approval.

- Quarterly payment to Progressive AE Due October, 2018: \$ 2,750.00
 - Two (2) Quarterly payments to Progressive AE- due in 2019 @: \$ 5,500.00
 - State of Michigan – Weed Control 2019 Permit application fee: \$ 3,100.00
 - Partnership with Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (up to): \$ 550.00
- Not to exceed this amount without Board Approval: \$11,900.00

It was moved by D. Lewis with support from J. Fitzgerald to approve the payment of the above bills when they become due, not to exceed \$11,900.00. Voted on, motion carried.

9. New Business. Some invasive species are appearing around the lake. J. Fitzgerald knew of a contact for them to ask questions about controlling them. She will e-mail them the name of the person to contact. (Vicki Sawicki – CISMA (North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area))

10. Old Business. None

Our next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

Meeting adjourned. Moved by M. Wrona with support from D. Lewis. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,



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