

MINUTES
TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING
Morton Township Hall, Morton Township, Mecosta County, Michigan
September 4, 2019

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, Linda Howard, Jackie Fitzgerald.

Others Present. Tony Groves, Progressive AE, Karla Miller, Deputy Drain Commissioner, Myle Turpen, Resident.

4. **Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2018.** *It was moved by D. Lewis with support from L. Howard to approve the Minutes from October 25, 2018. Voted on, motion carried.*
5. **Tri-Lakes Association Report by Dave Lewis (President).** Dave reported to the board about concerns from property owners around the lakes. Here are some of their concerns:
 - There seems to be a lot of algae, more Milfoil and appears it was treated later in the season.
 - Last couple years there seems to be a decrease in clarity of the water.
 - Heavy rainfall in spring cause heavier runoff and possible more weed problems.
 - High level of water in lake cause the dam to stay open longer than usual. Could not lower the boards until almost July.
 - Spraying complaints – residents not given enough notice of when the spraying will take place.
 - Once treatment of lakes had taken place, there were positive feedback from residents.
 - High speed boats and their wake that stirs up the bottom of the lakes.
 - Over 3,000 fish were planted into all three lakes in late 2018.

6. **Summary of Dam repairs by J. Fitzgerald.** Jackie reported on the board replacement project for the Blue Lake Dam. All new boards and boardwalk. Before and after pictures were shown. Cost of 2019 special assessment will be: Front Lots: \$20.44 - Back Lots: \$10.22. This is a one-year assessment only.

Also discussed, was a complaint that kayaks were going over the log berm and then over the dam. New signs were discussed. Jackie will contact their attorney for some advice as this trend could be dangerous.

7. **Introduction of the interim Drain Commissioner by Jackie Fitzgerald.** Jackie introduced Karla Miller the current Deputy Drain Commissioner who was appointed to fill the rest of Jackie's term. Jackie will retire as of September 27, 2019.
8. **Annual Report by Tony Groves of Progressive AE.** Tony reported and confirmed there was substantial Milfoil in the lakes this summer. He handed out Project Work Journals & treatment maps. The project cost for this year came in close to budgeted amount, but not over. Anything over the budgeted amount would have to be approved by the Board. Tony also commented about the high-speed boats and their damage to the lakes, especially the clarity of the lakes.
9. **Status of Assessments & Financial Report by Sandy Brogan.** We had a written report that Sandy went over with us. The balance in the account as of 9-4-19 is: \$79,854.54.

Also, the 2019 Proposed Modification to the Tri-Lakes Lake Improvement Board Special Assessments:

1) Re-assign property 5411-004-011-600 (backlot w/access; \$89.00) to backlot w/o access (\$44.50); property owner sold access.

2) Round Lake Resort Modifications:

| Parcel # | Old Classification | Old Assessment | New Classification | New Assessment |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 5411-007-004-001 | 9 campsites | \$320.40 | Comm BL w/Access | \$178.00 |
| 5411-007-004-002 | 7 campsites | \$249.20 | Comm Waterfront | \$356.00 |
| 5411-007-005-001 | 8.5 campsites | \$302.60 | Comm BL w/Access | \$178.00 |
| 5411-007-005-002 | 8.5 campsites | \$302.60 | Comm Waterfront | \$356.00 |
| 5411-007-006-000 | 9 campsites | \$320.40 | Comm Waterfront | \$356.00 |
| 5411-007-007-000 | 11 campsites | \$391.60 | Comm Waterfront | \$356.00 |
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| Totals: | | \$1,886.80 | | \$1,780.00 |

These changes resulted in a reduction of the 2019 Special Assessment in the amount of \$151.30

J. Fitzgerald moved with support from D. Lewis, to accept the Financial Report from Treasurer, Sandy Brogan with a bank balance of \$79,854.54. Voted on, motion carried.

L. Howard moved with support from J. Fitzgerald to accept the proposed assessment changes for the upcoming 2019 Special Assessment as reported above. Voted on, motion carried.

10. **Open Issues.** 1) Purple Loose Strife along the shoreline of the lakes was commented on, but to late this year to treat. Will watch and ask for treatment if becomes a concern in 2020. 2) L. Howard spoke of a meeting with the Sheriff Dept. concerning boat traffic on the lakes. A contract with the sheriff's dept. to patrol the lakes was discussed. 3) Treasurer – S. Brogan ask the Board for approval to pay upcoming expenses. The following motion was made: Moved by M. Wrona with support from L. Howard to pay the upcoming invoices when received by Treasurer:

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| <u>PLM</u> | <u>\$16,697.91</u> |
| <u>(2) Quarterly payments to Progressive AE</u> | <u>\$ 5,500.00</u> |
| <u>CLMP (not to exceed \$550)</u> | <u>\$ 550.00</u> |
| <u>2020 EGLE Permit to treat lakes (not to exceed \$3,100)</u> | <u>\$ 3,100.00</u> |
| <u>Total:</u> | <u>\$25,847.91</u> |

Voted on, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned. Moved by D. Lewis with support from S. Brogan. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,



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