

Three Lakes Association Minutes August 12, 2008 Board Meeting

Members Present: Duane Drake, Dean Branson, Bob Oswald, Alan Hickman, Stan Dole, Dorothy Clore, Claudia Drake, Judy Stuart, Patricia Roush, Norton Bretz, Susan Reck, Chuck Drouillard, Bob Kollin, Bob Bagley, Becky Norris, Jack Norris, Tina Fields, and Art Hoadley. Guest: Don Venburg for Thayer Lake.

Minutes:

Motion: to approve the Minutes of the July 08 Board Meeting. By Jack, 2nd Patricia, approved

Treasurer's Report:

- Annual Meeting cost \$651.16, Silent Auction raised \$930.
- CD maturing today for \$5273.82, next one matures in 3 months.
- *Motion*: to renew the CD for 6 months with the addition of \$5000, to be 1 or 2 CDs at the treasurer's discretion. By Becky 2nd Tina, approved.
- *Motion*: to put \$3200 in the TLPA, GRNA, and TLA joint education effort by a check to GRNA, after the TLA's share of the Golf Tournament funds have been received. By: Norton, 2nd Patricia, approved.
- *Motion*: to accept the treasure's report. By Chuck, 2nd Tina, approved.

Executive Director's Report:

- Shoreline survey fieldwork finished on Lakes Bellaire and Clam has been complete. The Clam lake survey was a cooperative effort with Friends of Clam Lake and uses a new technique employing an aerial survey.
- Interns will write Bellaire report with the Clam report to be finished later.
- Interns and Trish were taken for an aerial survey of their work area, etc.
- Alba well appeal by Star Township was denied by Michigan Judge Dennis Mack, but their Appeal the still in process at the federal level. Jack noted that a lawsuit has been filed in Circuit Court by Star Township, Antrim Co., and the Friends of the Jordan River.
- EPA has approved its joining the CKD stakeholder's group.
- Two E.coli samples have been taken in the TLA monitored streams.
- Noise gun engineering data is lacking,
- Annual meeting was a great success.
- TLA will encourage Christy Roman, Executive Director for Antrim County Conservation District, to write a letter to the new owners of Shanty Creek, outlining a proposed solution to the Maury Creek drainage problem. TLA would in turn support the letter.

Membership:

- 439 members have paid their dues, a 2nd mailing has been sent to 98.
- Canvassing is off to a very slow start.
- Treasurer needs to know for which year the dues are designated.
- Key benefits of TLA membership to be made in canvassing include: protecting water quality, quality of life on the lakes, and property values.

Executive Committee action:

- TLA will contribute \$100 to the Planning-Giving Workshop.
- *Motion:* to accept the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held August 5, 2008. By: Chuck, 2nd Tina, approved
- It was noted that TLA's By Laws describe the purpose of an Executive Committee is to meet when the full TLA board cannot meet in time to make a time-critical decision or a quorum cannot be obtained. It is appropriate and desirable for an Officers Committee to meet prior to board meetings to establish the agenda for the full board meeting.
- *Motion:* As of 8/1/08 the TLA board appoints an Executive Committee consisting of: Dean Branson, Bob Bagley, Dorothy Clore, Becky Norris, Art Hoadley, Alan Hickman, and Patricia Roush. By: Chuck, 2nd Tina, approved.

Phosphorous Workshop (7/10/08):

- Bob Oswald attended at Dean Branson's request.
- Cover areas included:
 - Phosphorus cycling in MI.
 - Best management practices in agricultural systems.
 - Best management practices in lawn/turf systems.
 - Transport of phosphorus leading to its capture by CaCO₃
 - Reports can be found at: www.iwr.msu.edu/PConference
- Norton noted that the TLA research needs to be published in a peer reviewed journal.

New Business:

- *Motion:* TLA shall write a letter in support of the Torch Lake Township ordinance amendment designed to reduce funneling. By: Chuck, 2nd Judy, approved.
- *Motion:* Sue Reck to be appointed as zone director for Helena Township. By: Chuck, 2nd Tina, approved.
- Tent cards (large) are to be obtained for identifying board members, thus aiding new members and old ones with bad memories for names.
- Patricia is planning to pull together a small group of key TLA and GRNA people to discuss education ideas.

Reminders:

- In the Drink educational program 4 to 6 at Dewitt Marine 8/20/08.
- Look for email attachments containing upcoming meeting announcements.
- Next meeting Sept. 9, 2008. 9am.