

Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association

Board Meeting Minutes

Recorded October 11, 2025 – Approved November 8, 2025

Call to order 9:00 a.m. by Randy Walsdorf, Vice President

Roll Call – Present: Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Sandy Brogan, Randy Walsdorf (Vice President), Martha Boetcher, Jim Parker, Julia Harris, Dave Lewis, Jim Samuels, Joan Parks (Secretary)

Zoom Attendees: Myle Turpen (President), Laura Angera, Rob Bandfield

Excused: Karen Slenk, Bruce Miller

Absent: Devin Nabozny

Guests: Doug Workman, Arlene Vincent, Brian Brogan

Approval of Minutes - Motion by Myle Turpen, second by Mike Burnard to approve September 13, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

Officers Reports

Treasurers Report: Mike Burnard reported total income of \$340.34 (memberships and interest) and expenses of \$783.05 (Cheddar Up fees, Go Daddy, MLSA, Ferris Print Services, Coffee Break, Fresh Water Future and MI Loon Association). Motion by Martha Boetcher and second by Sandy Brogan to accept the treasurer's report as presented; motion passed. *Full report available to view in Money Minder Pro*

Membership is 270; Rob Bandfield offered to contact non-renewals.

Vice Presidents Report: Randy Walsdorf continues to work on developing emergency procedures for the lakes.

Directors Reports

Fish & Wildlife Management – Walleye: Dave Lewis reported no update on Walleye planting scheduled for late October. **Beavers:** Dave Lewis reported on the large beaver dam(s) and that several large beavers have been trapped. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the flooding, the continuing damming and the involvement of Blue Triton Brands Inc. and support of the situation. A motion was made by Dave Lewis to pay Carl Meissner \$360 (LQF) for trapping, second by Sandy Brogan, motion passed. Mike Burnard will contact Blue Triton Brands Inc. to establish being a vendor so they can contribute towards paying for trapping.

Lake Improvement Report - The September 25, 2025 meeting resulted in a 50% reduction in assessment from the original budget amount. The purchase of loosestrife beetles was approved. All 2025 CLMP recordings have been submitted.

Loon Report – Few migratory loons have been seen.

Dam - Boards will be raised at the end of October.

Public Landing/Friends of the Lake – Tools for boat washing have been pulled.

Standing Committees

Communication

Newsletter: (Myle Turpen) Next newsletter will be sent after the Walleye Planting. It will be the last printed newsletter.

Facebook/Website: No formal report

Recreation – No report

Watershed Quality (Martha Boetcher) More native plants will be planted at the boat launch next year, possibly recruit local children to help. Top soil and grass seed has already been planted around the stairway. There are several grants available that involve volunteers. Martha suggested Jotform as a way to record volunteer hours. Working on Lake Coffee Break scope, strategies and plan.

Unfinished Business

Morton Township Master Plan was discussed.

Bylaw Review – tabled to November meeting.

New Business

Wake Boat (Myle Turpen): Michigan House Bill 5532 Sponsored by Rep. Julie Rogers would require watercraft in “wake sport mode” to be 500 feet or more from a shore or dock and at a depth of 20 feet or more. But this legislation has been stalled. Discussion was held on how to educate lake residents on safe wake boating via Facebook, website, newsletter, maps and word of mouth.

Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association is officially a 501(C)4 entity.

Mike Burnard asked about taxes being filed. They are not yet, but are being worked on.

Discussion regarding recent conversations in Canadian Lakes regarding rental properties.

Public Comment – No public comment

Next Board Meeting – November 8, 2025 at 9 a.m. in the Morton Township Community Room.

Adjournment – Motion (Myle Turpen), second (Julia Harris) to adjourn, motion approved and meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.