MORTON TOWNSHIP TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION

Recorded August 8, 2026

Approved September 12, 2026

Call to order at 9 a.m. by Myle Turpen (President)

Roll Call

- Present: Myle Turpen (President), Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Joan Parks (Secretary), Mike Burnard (Treasurer) Rob Bandfield, Randy Walsdorf (Vice President), Martha Boetcher, Julia Harris, James Samuels, Laura Angera, Craig Roach
- Excused: Devin Nabozny
- Guests: Lori & Mitch Brown, Liz Tkacz Breitner

Approval of Agenda was requested by Sandy Brogan, second by Martha Boetcher, motion was passed.

Regular Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association was closed at 9:04 a.m.

Annual Membership Meeting was opened at 9:05 a.m.

Annual Membership Meeting minutes were previously approved at the August 9, 2025 meeting of the TLA Board of Directors.

Ratification of Bylaws - highlights and changes were discussed, Myle Turpen (President) made a motion to accept the ratification as approved by the Board on July 18, 2026, Randy Walsdorf second, motion passed.

Treasurer Overview - Mike Burnard (Treasurer) presented his Budget Analysis of Fiscal Year 2025 with total income of $50,775.43 and expenses of $37,792.45. Mike also presented his Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Proposal which included budgeted income of $14,395 and budgeted expenses of $12,657.

Standing Committees:

- Communication Committee - Karen Slenk gave an overview of the highlights of the Communication Committee (appendix)
- Recreation Committee - Myle Turpen (President) gave an overview of the highlights of the Recreation Committee (appendix)
- Watershed Quality Committee - Martha Boetcher gave an overview of the highlights of the Watershed Quality Committee (appendix) Public Comments:
- Question was asked regarding the number of properties on the Tri-Lakes compared to actual Tri-Lakes Association members which is about 60%. Discussed communication to all members.

Annual Membership Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Regular Board Meeting re-opened at 9:51 a.m.

Sandy Brogan made the motion to accept the July 18, 2026 minutes, Karen Slenk second, motion passed.

Officers Reports

- ○ President-
  - ■ Myle Turpen recognized Dave Lewis who has served the Board for over 21 years and announced his retirement. A plaque was presented to Dave as well as the many thanks and appreciation for his service.
  - ■ Motion was made by Mike Burnard and second by Julia Harris to re-elect the Board Members with expiring terms. Karen Slenk, Myle Turpen, Sandy Brogan and Jim Samuels were unanimously accepted. Motion passed.

- ○ Treasurer - report included
  - ■ Income for the month of June $3,260
  - ■ Expenses for the month of June $1406.50
- Discussion was held regarding the fact that now the FY 2026 budget is approved there will be no need for motions regarding every expenditure already in the budget.
- Mike Burnard made a motion to move the Legal Fund money into the Operations Account. Laura Angera second and motion passed.
- Mike Burnard made a motion to move the Spongy Moth Fund into the Lake Quality Fund but earmark the amount moved. Martha Boetcher second the motion. A discussion was held on how to manage the Spongy Moth money. It was determined that until we can determine if and how to use the donated Spongy Moth money, it was decided that we should create a separate account at the bank to move that money into. The motion was withdrawn.

Directors Reports-

- Fish and Wildlife - Dave Lewis nominated Craig Roach to be the new Director in light of Dave's retirement. Rob Bandfield second, Craig accepted and motion passed. Fish planting is the next event and our order for fish is placed.
- Lake Improvement - lake treatments took place. There was a question about the shore being marked when treatments happen. The annual Lake Improvement Board meeting is September 22, 2026.
- Loons - couple with one baby on Blue Lake and couple with two babies on Lake Mecosta are all doing well.
- Dam - all boards are down.
- Membership - still trying to reach members with expiring memberships. New rack cards are available and look great!

Standing Committees - all committees gave reports in the General Membership Meeting. (Communication, Recreation, Watershed) Next newsletter will be in late August.

Unfinished Business -

Morton Township - Master Plan, Ordinance Review - Public Meeting will be August 12,2026 at 4:30 p.m. at the Township Office.
Wake Boat education - the Lake Improvement Board is working on interactive mapping where wake boating would be recommended on each of the Tri-Lakes.

Public Comment - Randy Walsdorf praised Martha Boetcher for being such an “expert” on lakes and how interesting it was doing Score the Shore with her.

Next meeting will be Saturday, September 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Township Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Joan Parks

Appendix
Standing Committee Updates - Annual Membership Meeting:

1)Communications Committee Annual Report 2025 – 2026

Mission:

Designed to retain and Increase Membership by creating Unified Messaging to Maximize Outreach to all Lakefront Property Owners
This is done through timely updates, recognition of accomplishments, educational initiatives, community awareness and strategic marketing
Our goal is to use targeted communication strategies tapping in assets in both membership and the broader community.
Look toward the outcome of greater member satisfaction that will drive engagement and strengthen ties to the local community

Tasks:
We had to research software programs that could implement our varies needs, which included ability to build and send electronic newsletters, with the possibility to utilize email blasts and possibly convert to broader communications.
Decide how to move forward with our website hosting, rebuilding, maintaining and utilizing for maximum communication and user experience. With the possibility of updating and focusing more on The Tri-Lakes Association as a Brand.
Creating space for SMS, or a text messaging network for emergencies and other potential situations.

Accomplishments:
Our newsletter printing costs were $2,500 per year. With Mailchimp the annual subscription is $240. This enables us to create networks and send electronic newsletters, emails and text blasts.
With the help of Myle's son, who is a professional website designer, we transferred our website hosting to wix. This platform has many updated and extended features including the ability to link our sponsor ad's to their websites. Dave did a total rebuild (with possibility for a rebrand). Created Social Media Guidelines.

Keep opening the emails and forward to others. We have a limited amount of emails that we can send each month with ort basic plan. I realize that clipped newsletters are not great. I am working out the kinks to reduce the digital size.
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2)Recreation Committee 2025–2026 Annual Update

The Recreation Committee's mission is to deliver activities that are meaningful to the Tri-Lakes community and support our core purpose: protecting the lakes, supporting the community, and ensuring the Tri-Lakes remain a clean, safe, and vibrant place to live and enjoy for generations to come.

Links for the Lakes – June 3, 2025

Our 9th annual Links for the Lakes golf event was another tremendous success. Held at The Royal, the tournament hosted 128 golfers and 20 volunteers, with registration filling in an incredible five days after opening in March. Sponsorship continues to grow year over year, with 8 Platinum Sponsors, 3 Gold Sponsors (including our Hole-in-One sponsor), 9 Silver, and 10 Bronze supporters. Their generosity offset event expenses and delivered essential revenue for the Association. This year's event generated $11,588.37, our single largest annual income source, enabling us to offer additional community events and support ongoing lake initiatives. A heartfelt thank-you to our dedicated golf committee—Dave Lewis, Les Lewis, Mike Burnard, and Sandy Brogan—whose leadership and energy make this event possible.

4th of July Boat Parade

Our annual free parade celebrated the nation's 250th anniversary with creativity, pageantry, and strong community spirit. Twelve boats participated, each captained by a Tri-Lakes Association member. Prizes were awarded to the top three entries, judged by our esteemed panel of Joan Parks and the Wernette family. In special recognition of Craig Wernette, a Judges Award was also presented. We extend our appreciation to Joan Parks and Laura Angera for their leadership. Looking ahead, the committee is exploring the use of QR-code shoreline voting to enhance participation and engagement next year.

Youth Fishing Event

This beloved annual free event continues to grow in popularity. Twenty-three young anglers competed across three age groups for first-place trophies. Hosted at Round Lake Resort by Dave and Les Lewis, the event ensures every participant goes home with one of Dave's signature awards, a prize from the table, and a full belly thanks to hotdogs and frozen treats generously provided by the Chulski family. Special thanks to Dave Lewis, our Wildlife Director, and Loon Ranger Les Lewis for their continued dedication to organizing this meaningful tradition for our youth.

All of these summer activities continue to grow in participation and impact, strengthening our mission and ensuring the Tri-Lakes remain a vibrant place to live, play, and enjoy for generations to come.

3)Watershed Quality Committee (WQC) 2025-2026 Annual Report

Mission: dedicated to protecting and enhancing the quality and beauty of the Lakes and their surrounding watershed for current and future generations

Lake Coffee Break - Purpose: to foster a waterfront owners community and to share information about how to support and be responsible shoreline property owners. Riparians should be aware of the large influence they have on water quality and lake health.

Event - June 20, 2026

Serve refreshments and facilitate personal interactions

Host a featured Speaker, Tri-Lakes History

Showcase seven topics to help us be better stewards for our shorelines and lakes:

1. Score the Shore Report: collect and share information to inform best lake management practices
2. Bioengineering for shoreline protection
3. Native plant give away with care information to support healthy buffer zones
4. MiCorps water testing procedures and lake report awareness
5. Conservation Department free services
6. Watershed education
7. What riparians promise to do this year

Establish Native Garden Buffer at the Lake Mecosta Boat Launch

Plant & nurture shrubs paid for with invasive plant replacement grant

Establish native flower & native grass buffer

Attend Michigan Lakes and Streams 2-day conference in Muskegon

Establish Community Partners

Partner with local organizations that share and support local environmental education: Mecosta County Conservation District, North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, and the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly.