

MORTON TOWNSHIP TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION
Regular Board Meeting of the Directors
June 13, 2026
July 18, 2026, Approved

Call to order at 10:01 a.m. by Myle Turpen - President

Roll Call:

- Present: Myle Turpen (President), Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Joan Parks (Secretary), Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Rob Bandfield, Randy Walsdorf (Vice President), Martha Boetcher, Julia Harris, James Samuels, Laura Angera, Devin Nabozny
- Guests: David Turpen (photographer), Mark Klumpp (Morton Township Supervisor), Craig Roach (Round Lake resident)

Approval Of Minutes:

Motion by Randy Walsdorf, second by Julia Harris to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2026, meeting, motion passed.

Officers Reports:

- President -
 - Introduced David Turpen in attendance to take photos of the Board meeting for our website and Facebook.
 - Introduced Craig Roach as a potential new Board member. Craig gave his background and discussed areas he would like to assist the Board. Dave Lewis nominated Craig Roach to fill the Board position vacated by Bruce Miller for a term expiring in 2027. Sandy Brogan seconded the nomination and passed the motion.
- Treasurer - Report included
 - Income for the Month of May \$1510.00
 - Expenses for the Month of May \$1323.82
- Motion by Sandy Brogan, seconded by Joan Parks to accept the Treasurer report passed.

Directors Reports:

- Fish and Wildlife - Lake water temps are cool, fish are bedding, if anyone has concerns regarding beaver - call Dave Lewis.
- Lake Improvement - a survey was completed on May 26, notices were sent out regarding treatment areas. An additional survey will take place in June. The purple loosestrife beetles will be placed near the end of June by Keiser & Associates to reduce the spread of the plant.
- Score the Shore - We need volunteers to help complete the process; opportunities currently posted on the website. Randy Walsdorf will assist Martha Boetcher with surveying Blue Lake.

- Loons - There are two active nests, babies should be hatching soon.
- Public Landing/Friends of the Lake - The recent boat wash did not wash any boats but there were conversations with boaters regarding the process and need. An upcoming event is proposed at Fox Marine will include information on boat washes. Plaques in memory of Susan Rice and Sam Wernette were placed.
- Membership - 265 members, 79 expiring in July. Fox Marine will provide information to new boat owners regarding the Tri-Lakes Association once the material is developed; Julia Harris will take the lead on development.

Standing Committees:

- Communication - Karen Slenk and Sandy Brogan were thanked for all their hard work.
 - Electronic Newsletter - June newsletter will feature the golf outing. July newsletter will feature the 4th of July boat parade and the Youth Fishing contest.
 - Facebook - The Links for the Lakes featured golf team photos, volunteers and many candid shots. Our views increased by 140%.
- Recreation
 - Links for the Lakes - event was extremely successful, including the weather. Mike Burnard made the motion to move the golf outing earnings into the Ad Money, Legal fund and Lake Quality Fund as outlined in his Treasurer report. Sandy Brogan second and the motion passed. Mike Burnard motioned that in the future each Platinum Sponsor receives a one-year membership to the Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association, Rob Bandfield second and motion passed. Thank you notes and a Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association magnet will be sent to all sponsors. There were 20 volunteers at the outing. Next year Links for the Lakes date is Wednesday, June 9, 2027.
 - Youth Fishing Contest - July 11 is the date (with July 12 as a rain date), kids can sign up now and we can accommodate up to 25 kids. Hot dogs were donated by Gail Mortenson.
 - 4th of July Boat Parade - celebrating the United States 250th anniversary will be the theme of the parade. It will take place on Lake Mecosta Joan Parks made a motion to allow \$400 in prize money and Dave Lewis second, motion passed.
- Watershed
 - Lake Coffee Break is scheduled for Saturday, June 20 at 9:30 a.m. Neil Colegrove is the featured speaker with showcase topics including Native Plants, shoreline matters, lake health, Score the Shore results, make a lake promise, and representatives from Mecosta Conservation District and Muskegon River Watershed Assembly. Native plants were recently planted at the boat launch; rain barrels were placed for watering and MRWA arranged for mulch for the plants.

Unfinished Business:

- Bylaw review - Discussed changes/updates. The draft changes should be approved at the July meeting and voted on by the membership in August.
- Morton Township - Master Plan - discussed comments made to the Planning Commission.
- Discussed requesting additional water patrols by the county sheriff and the DNR.

New Business:

- MLSA membership was discussed. Sandy Brogan made the motion to pay for memberships of \$350 from the Lake Quality Fund, Martha Boetcher second and passed the motion.
- Sandy Brogan made motion to pay for 16 subscriptions to the Riparian up to \$224 from the Lake Quality Fund, Julia Harris seconded and passed the motion.
- Wake boat discussion regarding creating a map for usage and educating users. Board approved an ad hoc committee to review information and develop implementation plan to share. Ad Hoc Committee to include Myle, Jim, Sandy & Devin.

Public Comment:

- Mark Klumpp asked if there were any questions for him regarding the Township.

Myle Turpen motioned to move the July meeting to Saturday, July 18th, Rob Bandfield second, motion passed. Location is to be determined.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Lewis, second by Mike Burnard, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Joan Parks (Secretary)