

MORTON TOWNSHIP TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION

April 11, 2026

Approved 5.9.2026

Call to order at 9:05 a.m. by Myle Turpen - President

Roll Call:

- Present: Myle Turpen (President), Sandy Brogan, Joan Parks (Secretary), Mike Burnard (Treasurer), Martha Boetcher, Julia Harris, James Samuels, Laura Angera
- Excused: Dave Lewis, Rob Bandfield
- Zoom: Karen Slenk, Devin Nabozny, Randy Walsdorf (Vice President)
- Guests: Jeff Grooter - Fox Marine

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Sandy Brogan to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2026 meeting, Mike Burnard seconded the motion - motion passed.

Motion by Sandy Brogan to accept the minutes of the special March 23, 2026 meeting, Julia Harris seconded the motion - motion passed.

Officers Reports:

- President - no formal report, items and discussion will be later in meeting.
- Treasurer - Report included
 - Income for the Month of March \$1,499.34
 - Expenses for the Month of March \$409.27
 - 277 members in good standing
 - Treasurers report is on Money Minder Pro

Motion by Martha Boetcher to accept the Treasurer's report, Joan Parks seconded the motion - motion passed.

Directors Reports:

- Fish & Wildlife - update on the beaver trapping. Motion by Myle Turpen to pay \$360 to Carl Messener to trapping services, seconded by Sandy Brogan - motion passed.
- Discussion to invoice West Blue Lake Drive for beaver trapping services. Board determined best approach to present an update to West Blue Lake Drive during their next annual meeting.
- Lake Improvement - Ice was off the lakes March 12. A phosphorus test completed on March 20, 2026. \$3000 has been budgeted for State of Michigan permits for treatment of the lakes.

CLMP Update - \$720 has been budgeted for CLMP Program Data Collection.

Score the Shore - still looking for volunteers to conduct the survey on Blue Lake.

- Loons - Loons have been spotted and heard. Requesting bids for a new sign at the boat launch regarding loons and helping keep them safe. Sandy Brogan suggested a fishing/lure container be placed at the boat launch. Myle Turpen will discuss with DNR.
- Dam - boards are still up from winter.
- Public Landing/Friends of the Lakes - Fox Marine made a \$300 donation and a plaque will be placed to honor that donation. The boat launch dock is in. The boat wash tools will be placed at the launch today. The boat wash signage needs to be updated. Dave Lewis will be contacted as he has the stencils needed for the painting.
- Membership - 277 current members. A list of memberships expiring this year will be sent to Board Members and the expiring memberships will be notified.

Standing Committees:

- Communication - discussion and updates regarding the new website, migrating information from the old site to the new site. Better opportunities to show who we are, payment options, Links for the Lakes information, lake treatment updates, etc.
- 2026 Electronic Newsletter - board members need to provide information in the next 10 days for the first electronic newsletter to be released in May.
- Website - discussion listed above.
- Postcard Mailing to members - information included on the postcard will include the electronic newsletter, membership expiration date and clarification request for one central e-mail per membership. Motion was made by Sandy Brogan to authorize \$300 to print and mail said postcards, Joan Parks seconded the motion - motion passed.
- Facebook - Devin Nabozny will work with Myle Turpen on updates.

Recreation:

- Links for the Lakes - June 3, 2026 is the date. We have surpassed prior year in sponsor contributions which is welcome due to increase in costs for event this year. Volunteers should contact Myle Turpen. Board members are asked to provide a raffle prize.
- Youth Fishing - July 11, 2026 is the scheduled date with July 12, 2026 being the rain date. It will take place at Round Lake. Myle Turpen made the motion to spend up to \$500 from the Lake Quality Fund for food, prizes, etc. for the event. Sandy Brogan seconded the motion - motion passed.
- 4th of July - July 4, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. on Lake Mecosta is the boat parade. Plaques will be ordered. Mike Burnard made the motion to spend up to \$500 on the plaques and prize money, Julia Harris seconded the motion - motion passed.

Watershed:

- Coffee Break – Committee updated board on June 20th event.
- Invasive Species - we are waiting on MSU Extension for dates of the boat wash.

Unfinished Business:

- Michigan Tax Exception Status for Morton Township Tri-Lakes Association a 501c4 organization. Myle Turpen updated the board that to be certified for limited tax exceptions on purchases, the Association is required to file a form with the state. Only qualifying purchases are eligible for this tax exception. This form has not been submitted to the state, and we do not have a plan to submit due to our limited purchases and what would qualify as essential for our organization.
- Morton Township - Master Plan is still being worked on and edited.
- Bylaw Review - still be worked on.

New Business:

- Primo has provided us with monitoring information.

Public Comment:

- Jeff Grooter - Fox Marine discussed the culture of Fox Marine and their commitment to community and events.

Date of the next regular board meeting is May 9, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Township Offices.

Motion made by Myle Turpen to adjourn, seconded by Mike Burnard, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Joan Parks (Secretary)