

MORTON TOWNSHIP TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION

3/14/2026 Minutes –

Approved April 11, 2026

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

Roll Call:

Present: Dave Lewis, Karen Slenk, Myle Turpen (President) Mike Burnard (Treasurer) Sandy Brogan, Martha Boetcher, Laura Angera, Julia Harris, Joan Parks (Secretary), Rob Bandfield

Excused: Jim Samuels, Devin Nabozny

Absent: Randy Walsdorf (Vice President)

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Sandy Brogan to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting held via Zoom on January 10, 2026.
Second by Dave Lewis, motion carried.

Officer Reports:

- **President** – Jim Parker resigned from the Board of Directors. President shared she thanked Jim for his support upon accepting his resignation.
- **Treasurer – Report included:**
 - Income for Month of Feb. \$1075.00
 - Expenses for Month of Feb. \$33.49
 - 274 Members in good standing
 - \$2814.40 Collected in Feb. for Golf event
 - Treasurers Report is on Money Minder Pro.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report Dave Lewis, second by Sandy Brogan; motion carried.

Director Reports:

- **Fish & Wildlife** - Dave Lewis updated board on Dead stream beaver activity
- **Lake Improvement** - Martha Boetcher requested volunteers for Score the Shore for 2026.
- **Loons** - Dave Lewis shared that Loons have returned and that he has built a new Loon nest. He will be placing these as soon as weather permits.
- **Dam - Boards** – no change in winter mode
- **Public Landing/Friends of the Lakes** - Myle will contact Michigan State Extension to set up boat wash dates for 2026. Myle Turpen will be added to the Friends of the Lakes as a 10-year volunteer with the Association.
- **Membership** - 274 members with many re newel's scheduled for this summer. Mike is contacting those now to expedite payment prior to peak season.

Standing Committees:

- **Communication** -
 - Myle Turpen asked for board to review draft of TLA Communications Strategy.
 - **2026 Newsletter update** –
 - Mailchimp is the application purchased to distribute electronic newsletters. Mike Burnard gave an overview of the process including membership communication and transfer from our current process of hard copy to electronic.
 - Mike asked board to open test emails to help build out successful distribution of our first newsletter in May.

- Expense for MailChimp with 500 per month contacts is \$20/month. SMS (texting) can be added for a monthly fee if we choose to add this in the future.
- **Website/Facebook** - Committee shared that they are still reviewing options for the move of our website to MailChimp. Goal to have website updated or moved to a new carrier by May.
- **Recreation:**
 - Links for the Lakes - Financial review shared by committee and request for Board to complete a raffle, sponsorship donation early. Expenses have increased including \$3 more per golfer and food costs have risen significantly.
 - Golf teams – sell out in 5 days with one pending golf team to confirm.
 - Youth Fishing Event - Dave & Les Lewis will host again, thank you from the board. Date to be determined.
 - 4th of July - Lake Mecosta will be the lake for the parade.
- **Watershed Quality:**
 - Martha Boetcher reviewed schedule of activities for Coffee Break 2026; **Committee** presented a budget for activities; Following discussion; motion by Martha Boetcher to approve the budget of up to \$500. 2nd – Myle Turpen; motion carried.
 - Martha requested support from Treasurer and President on use of Michigan tax exemption for purchases. President to review and respond to question.

Unfinished Business:

- **Morton Township**
 - Morton Township Master Plan - plan was not approved and sent back to Planning Commission for changes.
 - Planning Commission Ordinance Review - Myle Turpen thanked Sandy Brogan, Julia Harris and Martha Boetcher for submitting proposed lake-related ordinances to the township. Ordinance review is in progress.
 - Mecosta Lakes Company/Trust – Donation of property for a park below dam with Kayak launch and walking trails to be completed within 3 years.
- **TLA By-Laws Review 2026** - Review in process by ad hoc committee: Committee gave a brief overview of changes they are reviewing including:
 - Purpose – addition of Advocacy, partnership and best practices
 - Standing committees – strategy/charters of work as a road map for each committee: All board of directors active on one or more of the director reports and/ or committees.
 - Board of Director make up – addition of non-voting members to support activities and build a transition plan for board openings.
 - Update on Audit /Review process
 - AI statement added
 - Clarity on voting in alignment with Michigan Non-Profit Statute

New Business: No New business discussed

Public Comment: None

Date of the next regular board meeting is April 11, 2026, at the Morton Township Community Room at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am

Respectfully Submitted by:

Joan Parks, Sandy Brogan, Myle Turpen

