

Lewiston Lake Living

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association

"making a difference in the life of our lakes and our community"

AUGUST, 2020

President's Letter

The year is 2020. But sometimes, I feel as though we're in the middle of the 1969 Zager and Evans song, "In the Year 2525". Think about it. A global pandemic, the likes of which have not been seen in over a century. Societal unrest, protesting for change on a world-wide scale. Then came the gypsy moths non-stop-straight from hell for sure! Their droppings so bad, you'd think it was raining because of the sound in the trees. And then the ground was covered in what looked like... poppy seeds. Next came the July 10th storm that showcased "Motor City Dragway" straight line winds causing considerable damage around our lakes. The latter has left TLPOA's president experiencing PTSD, every time there's a modest summer breeze.

Just when I was humming the lyrics, "*in the year 9595, I'm kind of wondering if man will be alive...*" it also became evident we were going to be all right. Amidst all the doom and gloom, you could look out at the homes all around our lakes. They were filled with families and friends, enjoying bonfires, tubing, and all the other amenities living on the lake provides.

WOW! I needed that.

I want to thank all of you for practicing safe physical distancing, for wearing masks in public places, and most of all, for respecting the wishes of those who have had to pull back from doing certain things in order to stay safe.

Lewiston, Michigan and our beautiful lakes will continue to be that unbelievably special place where so many wonderful memories are created.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, we thank you for your generosity and support. If you know someone new to the lake, consider introducing them to TLPOA and share this newsletter with them.

The TLPOA Board has continued to meet via conference calls this summer and will continue to support those projects that help to keep our lakes healthy and safe for generations to come.

Well, at least until the year 9595!

Dominic Manzi

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Thanks to all those who contributed to this issue.

Twin Lakes Property Owners Association
Statement of Activities for January 1 to June 30, 2020

	Total		General Fund		Aeration		Eurasian Watermilfoil	
	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date	Annual Budget	Actual to Date
REVENUES								
Lake Stewardships	14,600	7,050	14,600	7,050				
Family Memberships	5,000	1,750	5,000	1,750				
Interest	1,000	559	1,000	559				
Other	-	490		490				
Aeration	6,000	3,875			6,000	3,875		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	-	815					-	815
Total Revenue	26,600	14,539	20,600	9,849	6,000	3,875	-	815
EXPENSES								
Education	500	-	500	-				
Memberships and Communication	2,000	380	2,000	380				
Insurance	2,000	959	2,000	959				
Advertising and Public Relations	500	-	500	-				
Postal Expense	1,500	235	1,500	235				
Membership Events	500	-	500	-				
Lake Monitoring & Water Clarity	7,500	-	7,500	-				
Contingency	100	-	100	-				
Organizational	1,500	261	1,500	261				
Community Donations	1,500	500	1,500	500				
Beach Party	3,000	-	3,000	-				
Aeration	11,000	5,091			11,000	5,091		
Eurasian Watermilfoil	15,000	853					15,000	853
Total Expenses	46,600	8,279	20,600	2,335	11,000	5,091	15,000	853
Total Net Income / (Deficit)	(20,000)	6,260	-	7,514	(5,000)	(1,216)	(15,000)	(38)
2020 Beginning Balance Cash and CD		162,468		33,993		16,672		111,803
Balance Cash and CD at June 30, 2020		168,728		41,507		15,456		111,765



Rocky and Roxi Raccoon want you to know if you haven't been receiving emails from the TLPOA, you should send them an email to LewistonLakeLiving@gmail.com.

Either Rocky or Roxi, will enter your email address in our file so you will receive future important TLPOA notices and other important information.

Note: Both raccoons pictured to the left are not involved in TLPOA administration, but are unpaid aspiring furry actors that more than agreed to have their photo taken.

GYPSY MOTHS - I KNOW I HATE 'EM

The gypsy moth is an exotic pest of urban and forest trees and believed to be a native of Europe. The caterpillars are voracious eaters and in large numbers can cause defoliation of trees. Like all moths and butterflies, the gypsy moth in one year will change from an egg (found in one-inch furry masses on trees) to a larva caterpillar, to a pupa, to a reproducing adult.



Although, when in large numbers, they can drastically stress trees, healthy trees usually survive because of energy stored in their roots. During an outbreak such as this, it's best to make sure your trees are getting enough water, if possible. This will help their survivability.

Montmorency County has been hit hard this year and is currently looking at the potential for targeted spraying in early 2021, depending on funding.

So, what can landowners do to manage or mitigate gypsy moths without spraying?

For backyard situations, keep trees well-watered, but do not fertilize. Reduce the number of egg masses by scraping them off the trees in late winter or early spring. Place the egg masses in a soap and water solution for a few hours or burn them. Later in the spring, emergent caterpillars can be impeded and collected by barrier and collection bands that prevent them from scaling up the tree. One example is wrapping the base of a tree with duct tape, sticky side out.

There are natural predators although many birds do not like the caterpillars. Blue jays and orioles do. Small mammals such as mice and voles will feed on the caterpillars as well.

NPV (nucleopolyhedrosis) – The Virus Disease

The NPV disease is usually the most important factor in the collapse of a gypsy moth outbreak. The good news is it only affects gypsy moths and since they refuse to socially distance or put on little masks, the virus proves to be deadly in almost all cases. The disease usually occurs one to two years following an outbreak. A gypsy moth that has contracted the NPV will form a V-shape as it dies. Experts tell us to leave these V-shaped caterpillars where they are because they will spread the virus even after they are dead.

Information in this article was taken from several sources including the Montmorency County website and an article from the CD Forester written by Dr. Greg Corace. Pics were lifted off the internet.

CELEBRATING OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE

The Pete Petoskey (West Twin) and Raietta Ott (East Twin) Fourth of July Boat Parades celebrated our country's birthday once again.

Yes, it's true... West Twin had way more pontoon boats than did East Twin. Although the consultant firm Hatcher, Zisboom and Bahn have yet to release official counts, preliminary estimates have concluded the following: EAST TWIN-YOU NEED TO STEP UP YOUR GAME!



Pictured above is a decorated pontoon on East Twin taken by Bonnie Page.



West Twin picture provided by Tom Conquest.



Photos above taken by Tom Conquest – West Twin

TLPOA TIDBITS

SWIMMING BUOYS

The TLPOA was again contacted by a property owner and member of the TLPOA regarding the placement of swimming buoys. While the TLPOA Board is not an enforcement arm of the law, we want to take this time to first acknowledge there have been some reported close calls this past summer with people swimming off their shoreline and watercraft coming dangerously close. While this may be the reason for someone placing swimming buoys in front of their property, Michigan law prohibits them without first obtaining a permit from the DNR.

For more information you can look up The State Uniform Waterway Marking System on MDNR's web-site.

AERATION - EAST TWIN

The Board approved replacing the remaining two old compressors at a cost of \$8,500. This amount was not reflected in the second quarter financial report due to the bill being paid after June 30th. The Board is reviewing potentially placing diffusers in other locations of the lake.

Measurements to determine muck levels will be taken by Clean-Flo Maintenance personnel when they conduct spring maintenance on the system.

EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL - WEST TWIN

Since first being confirmed on West Twin in the fall of 2014, Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) has been kept from becoming a widespread issue. PLM Lake and Land Management has been out on our lakes in June and July conducting surveys for EWM and doing spot treatments as necessary. They are scheduled to return on August 24, 2020, weather permitting. If you see a suspicious looking bed of weeds and want someone to check it out, let us know via email. Include GPS coordinates if possible.

Because of past generosity of our membership and much lower costs in treating EWM, the Board of Directors suspended requests for donations to this fund in 2020.

RETENTION POND

With the outbreak of Covid-19, there has been little activity to report. We are still interested in partnering with Huron Pines and local governments to install rain gardens as a means of capturing water run-off.

WATER TESTING

Water testing continues to be conducted by volunteers John Jackson and Jerry Beatty, despite the lack of funding given to the Cooperative Lake Monitoring Program (CLMP) in 2020. We've also worked with health department officials to expand E. coli testing on East Twin. Results forthcoming.

BEACH PARTY 2021

Yes. The TLPOA does plan to host a Beach Party at the East Twin public beach some time in 2021. Karen Wilding has agreed to again volunteer to coordinate. If you think you'd like to help, send us an email.

TLPOA BOARD OPENINGS

You guessed it. We're still looking to fill open board positions and if you think you might be interested in helping, please contact us via email.

>>> Please check your newsletter mailing label for your current membership status. <<<

2020 TLPOA MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS

☐ New

☐ Renewal

Member Name(s) _____

Email Address(es) _____

Primary Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Lake Address _____

Telephone () _____ ☐ East Twin Lake ☐ West Twin Lake

2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS		
	Membership Dues or Suggested Contribution Amounts	My Lake Contribution
Membership Dues All membership dues provide additional funding for special projects to study and maintain a healthy lake ecology and benefit the lake community.	\$150 Lake Stewardship or \$35 Basic Family Membership	\$
Aeration Suggested Contribution Your contribution will allow the TLPOA to maintain the aeration system on East Twin Lake, including replacing parts as needed, and paying for electricity. Suggested contribution rates based on lake frontage owned are shown at right. We welcome all levels of contribution!	Lakefront Owners Less than 75 ft. of lake frontage \$50 75 to 125 ft. of lake frontage \$75 More than 125 ft. of lake frontage \$100 Shared Access \$25	\$
Eurasian Water Milfoil Treatment Generous contributions from our membership, along with grants from Montmorency County have allowed the TLPOA to respond quickly to control EWM and have covered the anticipated costs of surveying and treating infested areas.	We are currently funded at a sufficient level to meet current needs and have suspended our requests for funding for 2020. Thank you!	
MY TOTAL LAKE CONTRIBUTION		\$

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT! PLEASE MAIL TODAY!

The TLPOA is a 501(c)(3) public charity and your contribution may be deductible if you itemize your deductions on your tax return. Consult your tax adviser for details.

Please make your check payable to TLPOA and mail to

P.O. Box 807, Lewiston, MI 49756

IMPORTANT NOTE: EVENT CANCELLED

The August Membership Meeting normally held at the Lewiston Elementary School has been cancelled. As such, there will not be a presentation for either the Greenbelt Award or the Chickadee Award in 2020.



***Visit the TLPOA website at www.tlpoalewistonmi.com
for TLPOA updates and links to community resources.***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE TWIN LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION!

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