

AGENDA
MLIA – Annual Meeting
Saturday 8-3-2024

9AM **Open Meeting** with a welcome from President Todd Tirota
Thanks for attending and Pledge to our Flag

Introduction of board members:

President: Todd Tirota
Vice President: Rob Bartels
Treasurer: Nick Barnes
Accounting and Tech support and Keeler Representative: Tony Bahrs
Marketing and Design: Julie Tirota
Events Trustee: Jan Barkell
Trustee: Mick Braman

Meeting Agenda

Meeting guidelines:

- Complete the Agenda.
- Allow our guest speakers to complete their discussion.
- Open discussion to public comment allowing 2 mins per person

State The Purpose of our MLIA Board:

Volunteers concentrating on supporting a healthy Lake environment,
Answering residents' questions with the help of our public officials.
Bringing events to the lake that will promote new friendships among residents.

Nick Barnes Treasury report:

General Fund
Keeler Weed Fund
Fireworks Fund

President highlight MLIA accomplishments:

- Successful July 4 th fireworks display
- Installation of the OTT water flow and depth metering device in the outlet.
- Continuing to build a working relationship with Drain commissioner.
- A successful Cocktail party put on by MLIA board members.
- Hugely successful Boat Safety Checks on two dates.
- Future Projects
 - Possible reconstruction of the Dam at the outlet. Review with Drain Commissioner for upgrades which could last us for another 100 years.
 - MLIA volunteers? For neighborhood outreach.
 - Tony may need help with collections for the Keeler Weed fund

Introduction of the guest speakers: Each 10 minutes Max.

- Richard Behnke County Sheriff (Land issues)/Clint Roach (Marine issues). Welcome help from residents – if you see something say something. They acknowledge the high level of the lake. 12” high. Suggesting residents consider stone/boulder seawalls for any future updates to help mitigate the impact of the large wave actions emanating from the wakeboard boats and Tri-hulls.

- Sister Lakes Fire department / Justin Jones. SLFD is 3 weeks out from moving into the new facility. Replacement of 22 airpacks costing \$210,000. A grant covered all for \$10,000. Dive Team leader reports that SLFD is still short funds for the water Search equipment. MLIA presented the SLFD with a check from the Boat Check events.
- Jennifer Jones director of RLS Restorative Lake Sciences. 3rd visit in 2024 on 7/24/24. ½-acre milfoil. Channel has starry wort which will be treated. H2O quality is excellent. Great Bio diversity in Magician Lake. Watching for Hydrilla. If found, the area will be quarantined and treated to kill off. Concerns about weed control in the SW channel. Bacteria pells (Microbs) weren't available last year or this year. Pine Crest is the application company.

Open meeting for public comments -- 2 minute maximum per person.

- M Schmidt from Trident Dredge and Dock spoke about shoreline alternatives (stone and native plantings) to more traditional poured concrete or metal seawalls. Trident is a part of the Michigan National Shoreline Initiative.
- A Maple Island resident asked about adding a culver to help control the lake level. Is there a plan? Not at this time.
- Rob Bartels spoke about his involvement with Environment Groups with concerns about lake health.
- Silver Creek is not controlled by the Drain Commissioner since it is not considered a drain.
- Since May 2024 we have received 30" of rain in the area. Short-term problem is that there is nowhere for the excessive water to go since connected waterways are also at high water levels.
- Beavers have been given a nuisance designation. Now legal to hunt.

Close of the meeting @ 10:30AM