



June 8, 2020  
TLIA BOARD MEETING

**Unapproved TLIA Board Meeting Minutes June 8, 2020**

**Board Members:** Steve Burgoon, Mary Magro, Melissa Covek, Mike Megleo, Mark Handley, Kristi Nash, Mike Mitchell, Mitch Coulter, Tom Kuna

**Apologies:**

**Committee Reps:** Jan Bahr, Anna Labbate, Bobby Covek

**Guests:** Tony Cantieri, Jeff Kernohan, Lisa Vraniak, Bob Nash

**Call to Order**

Steve Burgoon called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Approve Meeting Minutes for May: Motion to approve: Tom Kuna

Second: Mary Magro

Ayes: 9 Nays: 0

**President's Report**

Steve Burgoon

**Graduation Ceremony**

Great event for all the graduates and thank you to all that assisted and participated.

**Coronavirus Statement**

June 7, 2020

TLIA Members we are now in Stage 3 of the "Restore Illinois" program announced by Governor Pritzker in late May. This pandemic has changed much about our regular/daily activities. However, it cannot and will not change our spirit and love of Tower Lakes, this place we call home. As we embark on our very active summer, let us do all we can to be respectful and caring for those most vulnerable to the Coronavirus – Seniors over the age of 65 and those with various medical conditions/complications.

This is what the Lake County Health Department (LCHD) tells us on May 29:

Lake County Enters Phase 3 of Restore Illinois Plan

As part of the Northeast region, Lake County entered Phase 3 of the Restore Illinois plan today. Governor J.B. Pritzker announced he is signing a new executive order to reflect these changes while extending the state of emergency for another 30 days. The new 'Community Recovery Order' continues with previously outlined guidelines,

- limiting gatherings to groups of 10 people or less,
- requiring face coverings in public when 6’ social distancing is not possible
- reopening many businesses with precautions to keep residents safe.

Based on the guidance above, please see the steps that the TLIA Board supports and ASKS you to take to protect our neighbors:

- TLIA board meetings and any committee meetings will be conducted virtually (phone or electronic means). Group meetings are not allowed.
- All TLIA parks, lakes, and tennis courts are opened but limited to groups of no more than 10 people.
- Use of Playground equipment is prohibited.
- Fishing is allowed ONLY on TLIA property/parks. DO NOT fish on the shoreline of any homeowner property. Please respect our neighbors during this time. No fishing on Play Island or any of the bridges.
- Events sponsored by any TLIA committee will have social-distancing measures.
- Any individual who is uncomfortable with outdoor activities and gatherings is encouraged to stay home to protect themselves from Coronavirus.

Tower Lakers, we are the community that knows how to band together. We will work together – Socially Distanced – to help our friends and neighbors. When we continue to modify activities with everyone’s health in mind.

## **Trespassing**

## **Committee Reports**

### **1. Financial Committee Report**

Tom Kuna and Melissa Covek

#### **a. Expenses:**

- i. Copies of the May 2020 Financials comparing budget to actuals for income and expenses are attached. Dues income is about \$25,000 less than the same period as last year. This is a result of TLIA’s decision to push back the payment deadline due to the economic and financial hardship caused by the Coronavirus.
- ii. Major expenses for Grounds Maintenance and Lake are within budget to date. Other expenses are negligible which is to be expected for the five months of the new fiscal year.
- iii. Capital expenses were incurred in May 2020 for the rain garden project by the tennis and volleyball courts (\$4,000) and the purchase of the new piers for the beach (\$20,692).
- iv. Cash Balances for the three TLIA accounts are attached.
- v. All three bank accounts have been reconciled.

#### **b. Revenue:**

- i. All open invoices were recent electronically
- ii. 90 unpaid Assessments to date totaling \$63,263
- iii. Email blast needs to go out near the end of June
- iv. Concern there will be people who say they did not receive an invoice

## 2. Beach

Mary Magro

- a. Rules posted at the beach and in the TLIA newsletter
- b. We have hired 11 lifeguards – 10 returning guards, 1 new guard
- c. Senior Guards (Head guards) are Reilly Breen, Heather Gaidjunas and Connor Vondrak
- d. Cameras/Flood lights needed at the beach. Proposed cost is \$500 funded by the Capital Account
- e. Lake County Health will begin testing the beach this week (June 8).
- f. Question: Barrington swimmers would like to use Tower Lake for swimming across the lake. Do we allow it? Jolie Galovich has asked since the pools are closed and her daughter needs to keep training as she is heading to college in the fall to swim.
- g. Piers will be installed in the next two weeks. We will remove the old swim ropes so only the new one is there once the piers are in. The old swim ropes will be repurposed as lane lines for swim team.
- h. We will be moving the right swim area buoy out to form more of a square in our swim area.
- i. The guards have been and will continue to remove the algae growing on the swim lines when they have time.
- j. Swim Lessons begin Monday, June 15. We currently have 13 children signed up.
- k. Port-o-potties were delivered. They are temporarily on the grass until Cuba Township is finished replacing the culverts in the Beach Parking Lot. Crown will move the toilets to their proper place on a day they come to clean them.
- l. Don Sidlowski has been busy. He sanded and stained all the wooden tables and benches, painted the TL Beach sign and posts, hung the kiddie swing, fixed the umbrellas, hung things up in the guard house, and it currently working on one of the benches to level it and cover the concrete.
- m. We have a small issue with people bringing many guests down to the beach. We may want to put a number on the limit (3 per family?).
- n. Need a sign (reminder) that no boats are allowed on the Beach-Play Island.
- o. We need to come up with a batter plan next year for tag handout. Too many people did not look for their tags in the bag, so Mark has been busy.
- p. Ordered Lifeguard shirts for the lifeguards.

## 3. Communications

Mary Kay Bolger

- a. Jan Bahr published and sent out the TLIA monthly newsletter electronically and Rob Dunbar posted it on the website around 6/01/20; MK Bolger printed out 6 copies and dropped them off at some homes that do not have access to computers. If anyone requests copies of them, we are asking that they contact MK Bolger directly for a hard copy of the newsletter
- b. Caroline Milne and Jan Bahr sent out 8 email blasts - 1 for Communications, 2 for the Board, 1 for Youth, 2 for Grounds and 2 for Youth Tennis. Asking that email blasts requests are sent to Communications in Google forms 48 to 72 hours in advance of the communication date
- c. MK Bolger is in the process of updating Andy's List which is posted on the app and the website and updating the icontact list which provides the emails for eblasts.
- d. The NEW privatized website has been up and running since 2/14. Our admin has been responding to a few emails from members that may be having any difficulty logging on and accessing the privatized side of the website. Below are the numbers for Website Activity:

Row Labels	Count
download	198
edit	4
login	323
logout	16
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>541</b>

4. Events Melissa and Bobby Covek

- a. Review 4th of July Activities Planned
  - i. Friday night event planning for Adults
  - ii. 2 food trucks planned
  - iii. Saturday night possibly "The Guys"
  - iv. Other options being explored

5. Grounds General Mike Megleo

- a. Discuss who is responsible for land easements around lake. There are a few homeowners that think we should be taking care of plants on lake front. One wants us to remove junk trees and buck thorn because people are walking 20-30 feet into his yard to fish shore.
- b. In coordination with the village the installation of plants at volleyball and tennis courts was a success.

6. Grounds Beautification Pat Covek

- a. We are all in bloom-Thanks to all the brave souls that helped us unload the flower truck — we were very muddy—all went well-Thanks to Lee Johnson and her group -Mary Magro-Paula Voska at North Lake and E. Lake shore -Jeannie Mitchell at the courts and Kathy and Pat Covek at various areas. Ray and Suzy Boe at Rest Island—OUR PLANTING is finished and for the rest of the season we will water, weed, and maintain.
- b. Leftover flowers were planted in buckets and donated to the Cuba Township food pantry
- c. We put in a small vegetable garden and a pumpkin garden for our youth. Thanks to everyone for all their help especially Steve Burgoon, Mary Magro and Carriage Landscaping

7. Lake Mitch Coulter

- a. 5 new 'No Trespassing' signs will be added around the islands and other locations at the request of TLPD to better support efforts to curb non-resident visitors
- b. Review of trespassing protocol-when to call the police, etc. Letter to be sent to all residents with review of rules for having visitors.
- c. Meeting tomorrow to begin review of data from H&H Hydrology study

- d. Lake treatment-EAM is out each week and busy with both aquatic plant and algae treatments
- e. Blue Green Algae test kits are in so if paint-like algae is seen please notify Lake@tlia.org and we will be the first to check it.
- f. Alana from Lake County, presentation on Dredging shared with Cross Lake north of Lake County-Nice work Tom Kubala and Team

8. Member Services

Mark Handley

- a. VOTL directories, swim tags, 2020 TLIA Rules & Regulations were delivered to all Tower Lakes residents. Many thanks to a great volunteer team that made it happen:
  - i. Laura Dominiak
  - ii. Kevin Middleditch
  - iii. Nathan Janitz
  - iv. Mary Beth Adams
  - v. M K Bolger
  - vi. Kevin Powers
- b. 75 purple boat decals mailed. Continuing to check on boats. One member united with their boat missing for three years! Sending nastygrams to owners with pictures of boats asking for disposition -- new tag, scrap, or sale. Placing "get a decal...!!!" signs on boats with unreadable or no decals. Article about decals written for July newsletter.
- c. Continuing to mail, to comply with Member Services distancing guidelines, additional gold swim tags. Article placed in June newsletter
- d. Fifty "Remove your boat..." double-sided signs with stakes ordered and received -- 83% reduction in cost over last time ordered.
- e. Minor changes to phone app: changed revision screen to eliminate "communications preferences", "receiving TLIA communications"; changed name to "Village of Tower Lakes Directory"; added "Murray Road" to street dropdown; added web addresses to "Andy's List"
- f. 2020 RFPP form created and published on the public side of TLIA website.

9. H&H Study

Tom Kubala

- a. The engineers from Hey are continuing to collect the data from the 6 gauges, along with finalizing the surveying and modeling work needed. A virtual meeting with members from TLIA lake committee and VOTL trustees is being scheduled for Tuesday June 9. At that meeting we expect Hey to present the model and current findings, along with a discussion about possible next steps.

10. Tennis

Pat Covek/Jeannie Mitchell

- a. Our adult program is full -We start on the 12th The youth program starts the 15<sup>th</sup>; they are also at capacity
- b. We have started our men's and women's tennis drop-in-however we have not started formal Pickle ball
- c. Mary K. Bolger is planning a 4th mixed round robin details to follow. Our courts are full most of the time
- d. We are having a tennis meeting next Tuesday the 16th -Anyone is welcome to join in and contribute.

11. Youth

Kimberly Saunders

- a. Upcoming / Current Events:
  - i. Family Yoga on Rest Island - Fridays at 4:30 through the month of June
  - ii. Water Safety Event - 5pm at the beach and 5:30pm on Rest Island on June 8th with firefighter Griffin Van Black, Lifeguards, Lake Committee reps
  - iii. Kindergarten Meetups - 6/28 and 8/23
- b. Possible Future Events:
  - i. Food truck gatherings - at the soccer field and/or beach parking lot; late June thru mid-August
  - ii. Fishing Derby - summer-long competition for the longest fish of specific species. Entries submitted as pics of fish being measured sent by text to a Youth Committee member (Carla Arzate).
  - iii. Family Movie Night in mid-July
  - iv. Back to School Bash - 8/16

12. Old Business

13. New Business

14. Public Comments/Discussion

**Motion to adjourn the meeting: Mitch Coulter**

Second: Mary Magro

All in favor: 9 Ayes, 0 Nays

Meeting adjourned 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Nash