

**TLA Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday August 2nd, 2025
10:00 AM – Township Hall**

Item 1 – Meeting was called to order at 10:04am with Pam Hagemaster, Tom Gillard, Mark Hageness, Dave Purgett, Toni Gross and Craig Holmer present. Absent were Heidi Schachtman, Terry Gross and Donna Anderson. 40 TLA members were signed in as present.

Item 2 – Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Item 3 – Agenda was adopted – Leigh Hanson motion – Pat Blazik Peterson seconded

Item 4 – June 17th 2025 minutes were approved – Mark Hageness motion – Pat seconded

Item 5 – Speakers:

Ryan Carlson from Cass County SWCD provided a presentation explaining how Thunder Lake and the local watershed interacts and provided information on improving water quality and lakeshore.

Aleah Trojan, a Thunder Lake resident gave a presentation on invasive species focusing on the Quagga mussel, which is starting to invade Minnesota rivers and lakes.

Item 6 – The board members introduced themselves and called for a motion to allow the 3 board members up for election to continue for another term. Craig Riendeau motion – Mark Hageness seconded. Although irregular, Pat Blazik Peterson was allowed to make a motion to require a vote to have Pam Hagemaster take over Donna Andersen’s treasurer duties even though Donna herself passed these duties on to Pam this spring. Craig Riendeau seconded. Unanimous aye votes on both motions were noted. Service flags were given to Bob Muir and Pat Blazik Peterson

Item 7 – Old Business – none was discussed

Item 8 – Accounting

Fund Balances as of August 1st, 2025

Checking.....\$ 7,889.02

SPC Account.....\$ 9,786.28

Pickleball Account.....\$ 8,116.00

AIS Account.....\$ 7,682.18

CD.....\$ 11,000.00

Total Funds.....\$ 44,473.48

Item 9 – Membership
As of July 28th, 2025:

TLA members – 232
SPC members – 127
PB members – 61

Item 10 - Sportsmen's Club

Tom Gillard reported on the new trap throwing machine which was donated by Lance Madsen. The voice activation for the new thrower was donated by Deer Haven on Thunder. Mark updated everyone on the archery range construction so far.

Item 11 - Water Quality Committee

Tom noted the clarity has been 20" and the phosphorous levels are still dropping. Dave Purgett contacted the DNR when the public landing grants became available. The contractors just finished the repair work.

Item 12 – Loon Preservation Committee

Tom stated there were two losses of young loons this summer. Dave and Craig will remove the artificial nests at the end of the month.

Item 13 – Social Committee – Toni announced the start time and location of the annual picnic.

Item 14 – Pickleball Committee

Dave is raising money for the new pavilion and the concrete work has been ordered for this and the club house so be done at the same time. All of this is being funded by donations – no money will come from the TLA.

Item 15 – Fisheries Report

Mark stated that the fall of 2024 walleye electrofishing results were below normal and noted that there is usually a 3–4-year cycle on zebra mussels, then fishing should improve. The stocking of walleye fingerlings will take place this fall (every odd numbered year) and at a rate of 2 pounds per littoral acre max (452 LBS). The DNR will gill net in 2026 (every 3 years), trap net in 2029 (every 6 years) and electro-fish spring bass in 2029 (every 6 years). Zebra mussels will increase water clarity, but require the better fishing later in the day into the night.

Item 16 – The topic of general lake concerns were large wakes from boats. Things have improved in the narrows where Pam placed the SLOW buoys. Invasive cattails were discussed and permits can be obtained for manual removal. The logging near Thunder Lake could result in large areas of Poplar trees and a suggestion made to look into replanting with more desirable trees.

Item 17 – At 11:46am Pat motioned to adjourn and Bob seconded

**Craig Holmer
Acting Secretary**