## WALLED LAKE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 30, 2010

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walled Lake was held at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road on September 30, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Dave Galloway, Chairman, at 7:02 p.m.

- Present: William Burke, City of Walled Lake Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer, City of Novi Dave Galloway, Chairman and Riparian Representative Karen Warren, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Office Also
- Present: Mark Roberts, Attorney, Secrest Wardle Rebecca McMenamin, Enviro Science representative Eric Gleisner, Inland lakes Weed Harvesting Co. representative

Chairman Galloway stated that there would be two presentations at the meeting; one from Enviro Science and one from Inland Lakes Weed Harvesting.

At Public Comment, the following residents spoke in opposition to the use of chemicals in the lake, the need for weed control in the lake and/or against the Lake Board: Sandra Carolan, Steve Loe, Larry Kern, Dave Love, and Paul Weindorf. The following residents spoke in favor of moving forward with the project: Linda Rourk, Alan DeZell and Judy Rae.

Rebecca McMenamin, Enviro Science representative, provided a presentation to the board regarding the use of weevils to control weeds and the experience with other lakes. Eric Gleisner, Inland lakes Weed Harvesting Company, spoke of the procedures for harvesting the weeds. The Board asked several questions of the presenters and a brief discussion followed.

## Moved by Coburn, Supported by Burke; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Minutes of August 19, 2010.

Secretary-Treasurer Coburn presented bills for payment: Secrest Wardle (Invoice No. 1204119) in the amount of \$696.00.

## Moved by Coburn, Supported by Burke; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve payment of Bills.

A brief discussion by the Board followed regarding treatment alternatives. The Board agreed to proceed with the recommendations of the engineering study, which included chemical treatment of 30 acres and mechanical harvesting of 120 acres of the 650 acre lake. In the discussion, Board members expressed concern about the uncertainty of the effectiveness of the biological treatment, the length of time it would take for biological treatment to show results, costs which could vary depending on the effectiveness, the need for longer grass at the shore or piled leaves for the weevils to survive the winter and that no other lake board in Oakland County was using weevils as a control measure. There was discussion of possibly incorporating an area into the 2012 program as a pilot study to determine if it would work in Walled Lake as a long-term

treatment. It was agreed that, since property owners would begin to pay for the assessment on the winter tax bill and that changing treatment plans would take additional time and cost to study, moving forward with the recommended plan was the best option.

Moved by Warren; supported by Coburn; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To authorize Mr. Coburn to advertise the bid package for weed control pursuant to the recommendations in the engineering study and to authorize Mr. Coburn to open and summarize the bids in advance of the next scheduled meeting.

At the last public comment, the following residents spoke against the Lake Board moving forward: Steve Loe, John Owsinek, Dennis Yezbick, Larry Kern, Sandra Carolan and Paul Weindorf. David Hultgren spoke in favor of moving forward to treat the lake.

Moved by Coburn; supported by Warren; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To schedule a meeting of the Lake Board for November 18, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

---Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer