

WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 23, 2009

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 23, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Dave Galloway, Chairman, at 6:36 p.m.

Present: William Burke, City of Walled Lake
Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer, City of Novi
Karen Warren, Oak. Co. Water Resource Commissioner's Office
Dave Galloway, Chairman and Riparian Representative
Jeff Potter, Oakland County Board of Commissioners Representative

Also

Present: Mark Roberts, Attorney, Secrest Wardle
Brian McKissen and Dave Potter, Spalding DeDecker
Paul Rentschler, Applied Science and Technology Inc.

No one spoke at the first public comment.

Moved by Burke, Supported by Potter; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Minutes of September 23, 2009.

Moved by Potter, Supported by Coburn; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve payment of three legal invoices from Secrest Wardle totaling \$1,488.65.

Moved by Warren, Supported by Potter; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To amend motion to add payment to Spalding DeDecker in the amount of \$12,892 (80 percent of the contract award of \$16,115).

Discussion of the Engineering Study followed. Brian McKissen and Dave Potter of Spalding DeDecker and Paul Rentschler of Applied Science and Technology Inc. explained the various tests that were completed to assess the lake. The report concluded that overall Walled Lake was a healthy lake with good water quality. The overall quality of the lake hadn't changed much since the last study was performed 10 years ago. The aquatic weed study showed that there were two kinds of milfoil, native and European, covering approximately 150 acres of the lake and the growth is generally consistent with the underlying soil types in the lake. Spalding DeDecker recommended that the lake board should control the weed growth in the lake using a mix of chemical and mechanical methods.

Brian McKissen briefly discussed the assessment methods available to the board. The two options were to either 1) assess only the 376 lakefront owners or 2) assess lakefront owners, backlot owners and splits. Dave Potter noted that, because the lake was healthy and needed minimal weed control, it may be easier and more cost efficient to assess only the lakefront owners. He estimated that it would cost \$100-\$200 per lakefront owner to raise \$50,000 a year for lake control (aquatic plant management).

A brief discussion was held to determine a date to schedule a public hearing to determine practicability of the project; the date selected was Thursday, November 5th, at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by Potter, Supported by Coburn; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adopt Resolution No. 1 scheduling the public hearing for November 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center to review the engineering and economic reports and to determine the practicability of the project.

At public comment, several people thanked the Lake Board for its hard work and commented that they were happy to hear that the lake was healthy. There was division among the public as to the assessment of costs if the aquatic weed control project were deemed practicable.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer