

WALLED LAKE  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 5, 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 November 5, 2009. The meeting was called to order by Dave Galloway, Chairman, at 6:35 p.m.

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

Absent: Jeff Potter, Oakland County Board of Commissioners Representative

Also

Present: Mark Roberts, Attorney, Secrest Wardle  
Spalding DeDecker representatives: David Potter, Brian McKissen

**At Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**, Paul Olsen asked that the City of Novi absorb more of the costs due to the number of acres it owned. Bruce Barnard expressed his view that the deeded access owners should be included in the assessment for the Lake Improvement Project.

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

**Moved by Coburn, Supported by Warren; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Rules for Public Hearings.**

**Moved by Coburn, Supported by Burke; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve two bills for the Spinal Column, totaling \$287.50.**

**Moved by Coburn, Supported by Warren; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To pay Secrest Wardle Legal Services Invoice in the amount of \$636.65.**

**The public hearing was opened by Dave Galloway.** Brian McKissen of Spalding DeDecker gave a brief overview of the engineering study. He stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to go over the recommendations in the report and to determine whether to move forward with the recommendations.

The Lake Improvement Study recommended: 1) to use an herbicide treatment program; 2) to implement annually a goose/swan management program to assist in controlling E.coli levels within Walled Lake; and 3) mechanical harvesting, combined with 20 percent chemical harvesting. The cost estimate was \$136,115 for the first year and \$101,000 for the subsequent years.

The Lake Board received an email from Tom Langan, 131 Osprey, who wanted to let the Lake Board know that he was opposed to special assessments to lakefront owners due to the economic times and to the overall good water quality of the lake.

There was a brief discussion regarding administrative fees wherein David Potter indicated that the fees (advertising, plan preparation, legal easements, etc.) could easily total \$20,000 each year.

**Public Comment:** The following citizens voiced their concerns relative to determination of practicability: Megs Beller, Paul Olsen, Jan Barlow, Tracy Soltis, Bruce Barnard, James Kurin, Steve Loe, Stanley Rzepka, Marilyn Boylan, Jeffrey Laz, Jennifer Boylan, John Duneske, Michel Duchesneau, Mary Baumgarten and Dave Galloway.

David Potter answered questions regarding practicability, indicating that with a lake management program, weeds could only be managed not controlled, and that all of the weeds should not be killed. Karen Warren asked William Burke if Walled Lake had an assessor; he answered that Walled Lake did not and that Oakland County would have to work with the Novi assessor. She expressed concern about having Oakland County involved in the assessing process especially in light of the number of people who were against the project. She commented that she had sat on many lake boards and not one had a combination of treatment types; here most people wanted chemical treatment only. Karen Warren suggested removing the self-help program, water fowl management program and the lake assessment fees from the project scope to reduce the cost of the project. Brian Coburn supported removing the waterfowl program because the resolutions from the City Councils had stated that the goal of the board was weed control. Dave Galloway asked David Potter for the cost of chemical treatment only.

**Moved by Warren, Supported by Coburn; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Resolution Approving Project and Properties to be Included in the District, but excluding the Self-Help Program, Water Fowl Management Program and Lake Assessment Fees from the project and to approve amended estimated project costs of \$130,615.**

**Public comment:** Michel Duchesneau, Steve Lowe and Paul Olsen voiced their concerns about the assessment procedure. Dave Galloway spoke as riparian representative.

**Other Business:** It was noted that at the May 13, 2009 meeting, attorney fees for Mark Roberts from Secret Wardle were approved but the law firm itself was not approved.

**Moved by Coburn, Supported by Warren; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To hire Secret Wardle as the law firm representing the Lake Board.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



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Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer