

WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2013

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walled Lake was held at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road on December 11, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Dave Galloway, Chairman, at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Casey Ambrose, City of Walled Lake
Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer, City of Novi
Kathy Crawford, Oakland County Board of Commissioners Representative
Dave Galloway, Chairman and Riparian Representative
Karen Warren, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Office

Also

Present: Mark Roberts (Attorney, Secrest Wardle),

Chairman Galloway opened the meeting and then asked for Public Comment. There was no member of the public that spoke.

Moved by Coburn, Supported by Ambrose; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Minutes of September 24, 2013 meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer Coburn presented the Treasurer's Report for the third quarter of 2013 and quarter to date for fourth quarter. The balance on hand as of December 5, 2013 is \$91,505.62 and includes the 2013 assessment payment from City of Walled Lake and the payments made to date in the City of Novi. Coburn noted that the Novi income includes prepayments for future years and that the final fourth quarter report will include a note with an approximate total. Coburn also presented a budget analysis that showed the total income for the life of the five year assessment and the expenditures to date through 2013. Coburn noted that the expenditures for 2013 were much less than the previous years and makes approximately \$94,000 available to the board for each of the next two years.

Galloway asked Attorney Roberts about how reserve funds work with the assessment. Roberts responded that at the end of the 5 years, if the decision is made to proceed to another project, we could rely on the cash reserves to reduce the future assessments. If the Board does not spend all of the funds then it can roll over and figure the balance into the calculation of the next assessment.

Crawford asked what happens at the end of the five year assessment period. Roberts answered that there does not have to be another project, but the board will remain in place unless it is disbanded and then he explained the dissolution process outlined in the statute. Roberts also stated that if there is a new assessment, the board does not need to conduct another engineering study, but may choose to update previous studies to define the project. Galloway noted that the public hearing for Novi to dissolve the Board was delayed for another year until the beginning of 2015.

There was a discussion about the water quality survey and vegetation survey proposals that were prepared by Savin Lake Services. Various Board members noted confusion over when the contractor proposed to complete the surveys. Coburn will contact the contractor to determine when the survey would occur.

There was discussion about the budget and Coburn shared the costs for harvesting and herbicide in previous years. There was discussion about the amount of work that was necessary on the lake this year and it was decided to allocate \$70,703 to lake treatments.

Moved by Coburn, Supported by Warren; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Walled Lake Improvement Board 2014 budget with \$70,703 allocated to treatment of the lake.

Moved by Crawford, Supported by Ambrose; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To award the vegetation survey and water quality study to Savin Lake Services for completion in spring 2014 in the amount of \$4,750.

Moved by Coburn, Supported by Crawford; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To exercise the option to extend the 2012 contracts with Savin Lake Services for herbicide and harvesting of Walled Lake in 2014 under the terms of the 2012 agreement.

Warren left the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

There were no members of the public present to speak during public comment.

Coburn stated that that Novi City Council passed a resolution on December 2, 2013 to amend the previous resolution's sunset provision to hold a public hearing at the first meeting in 2015 rather than 2014. Coburn explained that the delay of the public hearing provides another year of treatment and data collection that can be presented at the public hearing.

Galloway said that he was concerned with the notification issues with the contractor last year. There was discussion about notifications of when the contractor would be working on the lake. Coburn will address the notification process with Savin and make sure that Novi Parks and City of Walled Lake are added to the notification email used by Savin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer