

WALLED LAKE  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 19, 2017

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walled Lake was held in the Mayor's Conference Room at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 10 Mile Road on September 19, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Dave Galloway, Chairperson, at 2:35 p.m.

Present:

Casey Ambrose, City of Walled Lake Representative  
Hugh Crawford, Oakland County Board of Commissioners's Representative  
Dave Galloway, Riparian Owner Representative (Chairperson)  
Megan Mikus, City of Novi Representative (Secretary-Treasurer)  
Karen Warren, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Representative

Also Present:

Mark Roberts (Attorney, Secrest Wardle)  
Cortney Hanson, City of Novi City Clerk

Ambrose arrived after agenda item III (2:43 PM).  
Warren arrived after agenda item IV (2:45 PM).

Chairperson Galloway opened the meeting to public comment. Three residents were present. Two Walled Lake residents- Gabriel Costanzo of 815 Bluffton St. and Edwin Dodson of 141 Leeds St.- commented they are interested in the Lake Board's activities as they have concerns with the lake conditions, specifically the weeds, and how the treatments are affecting the lake's ecosystem.

**Moved by Crawford, Supported by Mikus; CARRIED 4-0 (Warren- Absent): To approve the Minutes of April 11, 2017 meeting.**

Secretary-Treasurer Mikus presented the Treasurer's Reports for the second quarter of 2017. The balance on hand as of June 30, 2017 is \$230,064.18.

**The Q2 2017 Treasurer's report was accepted by the Board.**

Mikus explained that the statute requires the Board to certify delinquent assessments each year in September. We received a report from City of Novi, but did not receive one from Walled Lake.

**Moved by Crawford, Supported by Ambrose; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To certify delinquent assessments received from the City of Novi.**

**Agenda VII**

Mikus presented Novi Resident Kathy Kennedy of 2023 West Lake Drive had contacted her regarding possibility of treating of lily pads and weeds along the shoreline in her subdivision- Bentley. Galloway commented that currently there are not enough weeds to justify the risk and if treatment is to be done it should be considered the following year.

**Agenda Item VIII**

Galloway presented a summary of treatment activity from Savin Lake. A water quality and visual survey was completed in May. As a BioBase survey was not needed this May, \$3,100 has been credited to the Board. Three herbicide treatments have taken place this summer. It was reported

by Savin Lake the lake looks the best it has since treatment began. A systematic herbicide treatment for Eurasian watermilfoil is planned for this fall. Currently, the Board is below budget for treatments this year.

**Agenda Item IX**

Galloway requested the Board endorse Michigan Waterfront Alliance's White Paper regarding the strategies to address the impact, spread, and control of Aquatic Invasive Species. The purpose of the endorsement is to help the Michigan Waterfront Alliance and its lobbyist to encourage action by the Michigan Legislature, the Michigan Waterways Commission, the DNR and Governor.

**Moved by Crawford, Supported by Ambrose; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: Endorse Michigan Waterfront Alliance's White Paper regarding the strategies to address the impact, spread and control of Aquatic Invasive Species.**

**Agenda Item X**

Galloway reported his findings from the Michigan Lake and Streams Association Conference. He said starry stonewort is a pressing issue throughout the state and nothing practical has been found to take care of it. It was recommended that portable boat cleaning devices be utilized at fishing tournaments to stop the spread of invasive species.

**Agenda Item XI**

The Board approved in the previous meeting of April 11, 2017 to provide financial support to Galloway to attend the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association Conference in Thompsonville, Michigan on April 21 and 22. The Board acknowledged that the previous approval was for a maximum of \$700; however, as this was an estimate, the Board would support the total reimbursement amount of \$764.43 for mileage, hotel, and conference fee.

**Moved by Crawford, Supported by Ambrose; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To reimburse of Chairman Galloway \$764.43 for conference fee, housing and mileage to attend the Michigan Lakes Conference in April 21 and April 22.**

Chairperson Galloway opened the meeting to public comment.

A Novi resident Jerry Ross of 1911 West Lake Drive commented at first he did not support the treatments, but he is pleased with the fishing and habitat improvements. Walled Lake resident Edwin Dodson of 141 Leeds St. said he was glad he came to the meeting as he was educated about the benefits of the treatments.

**Other business**

Galloway said he would like to see clarification of seawall ordinance from the City of Novi. Ambrose reported the City of Walled Lake is working on a comprehensive inspection of road runoff.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Lake Improvement Board; the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

The Board next meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

  
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Megan Mikus, Secretary-Treasurer