

WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2015

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walled Lake was held at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road on March 10, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Dave Galloway, Chairman, at 6:38 p.m.

Present: Casey Ambrose, City of Walled Lake
Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer, City of Novi
Hugh 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 provided a brief presentation regarding the vegetation and lake survey that was provided by Savin Lake Services. He stated that the study provides a comparison between the original study before the weed control project and today. Galloway then asked for Public Comment. There were four members of the public that spoke regarding their perceptions that the weed control has had an impact on fishing. The speakers were looking for a happy medium between weed control for boating and impact on the fish population. Galloway explained that the project approved by the Lake Board includes a mix of herbicide and harvesting and believed that recovery of the fish will happen over time as they adjust to their new habitat. The residents in attendance requested a fish study.

Moved by Coburn, Supported by Ambrose; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Minutes of September 17, 2014 meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer Coburn presented the Treasurer's Reports for the year end for 2014 and first quarter to date of 2015. The balance on hand as of March 5, 2015 is \$172,427.89.

Moved by Coburn, Supported by Ambrose; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To accept the Treasurer's Reports as presented.

Coburn presented a memo that outlines the income and expenses from 2010 to present and then discussed the projected revenue required during the next five year assessment period based on the annual estimates provided in the Savin report. Coburn reported that given the current surplus, the individual assessments could be reduced by approximately 30%. Coburn explained the units of benefit used on the current roll and explained some of the changes that needed to be made based on parcel combinations that have occurred since the last roll was produced. Ambrose asked if there were any recent complaints about the existing roll, Coburn and Galloway noted that there were none.

Moved by Coburn, Supported by Warren; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To continue the existing project and to direct the assessors to prepare a new five year assessment roll.

There was discussion about the scope of the approved project and the revenue requirement over the next assessment period. Crawford asked if the assessment could remain the same so more harvesting could be added. Coburn noted that the proposed assessment is adequate to complete a good mix of harvesting and herbicide, additionally the Board is limited by statute on how much surplus can be held. There was additional discussion about harvesting versus herbicide. Roberts explained that the current project is approved to control invasive weeds, but if the Board were to change the project, it would require a new study and a new public hearing.

The Board discussed a future public hearing date on the roll and there was agreement on June 3 at 7:00 PM as the tentative date.

There was discussion about the fish study and Galloway volunteered to seek more information and costs for such a study and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer