

**WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walled Lake was held at the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Tina Miller, Chairperson, at 2:04 PM.

Present:

Tina Miller, Riparian Owner Representative (Chairperson)
Gwen Markham, Oakland County Board of Commissioner's Representative
Megan Mikus, City of Novi Representative (Secretary-Treasurer)
Karen Warren, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Representative

Absent:

Casey Ambrose, City of Walled Lake Representative

Also, Present:

Mark Roberts, Attorney, Secrest Wardle
Victor Cardenas, City of Novi, Assistant City Manager
Angela Maynard, City of Novi, Customer Service Representative
Paul Barber, Savin Lake Services, Operations Manager

Public Comment

David Galloway, of 1197 East Lake Dr, Novi, MI asked to be able to comment after the Walled Lake treatment discussion. Chairperson Miller stated that yes, he would have a chance to comment at that time.

Approval of November 19, 2020 Minutes:

Moved by Markham, Supported by Mikus;

CARRIED 4-0: To approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer's Reports

Treasurer/ Member Mikus presented the 2020 Annual Financial Report. She reported expenses were slightly under budget and the year-end balance was \$85,583.45.

Moved by Mikus, Supported by Markham

CARRIED 4-0: To accept the 2020 Annual Financial Report.

Treasurer/ Member Mikus presented the 2021 Treasurer's Report for activity through August 31, 2021. The balance on hand was \$112, 553.19.

Moved by Mikus, Supported by Miller

CARRIED 4-0: To accept the 2021 Treasurer's Report for activity through August 31, 2021.

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Certification of Delinquent Assessment Reports from Walled Lake and Novi

Treasurer/ Member Mikus reported the City of Walled Lake does not have any assessment delinquencies. They are paid the full assessment amount, \$37,428.58, on June 10. The City of Novi reports a total of \$5,016.49 is delinquent from 40 parcels.

Member Markham asked Novi Assistant City Manager Cardenas if because the 40 parcels were delinquent on the assessment taxes, did that mean that they were also delinquent on their other taxes? Novi Assistant City Cardenas stated that he would investigate this.

Moved by Mikus, Supported by Markham

CARRIED 4-0: To certify the delinquent assessments received from the City of Novi.

Discussion of 2021 Treatment Review and 2022 Treatment Recommendations

Paul Barber, Operations Manager for Savin Lake Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation on treatment and surveys over the past year. This included a management summary, a timeline of services rendered, and all the treatment maps for the work that was completed for 2021.

Paul Barber noted in June a new herbicide, Procellacor, was tested in a small area of the lake. This is the newest herbicide since 2008. It is expensive, but he has had success so far. He has found the 2-4D treatment is no longer as effective, as the plants have built up a tolerance against it.

Paul Barber, Operations Manager for Savin Lake Services, then continued the PowerPoint presentation with Savin's 2022 Walled Lake Aquatic Weed Control proposal. This included a management plan, recommended surveys, studies, herbicides to be utilized, proposed fees, and estimated costs.

After the presentation by Paul Barber, there were a few questions. Member Markham asked if they ever receive questions from the residents. Paul Barber stated that most of the questions are taken by the office. He stated that his boat is very identifiable on the lake and residents should be able to see when they are out there. Yard signs are placed on the lakeshore every 100 feet, or they will post the entire area if they are doing a larger than normal treatment. There is also an email list for notifications, which anyone can request to be on.

Resident David Galloway (of 1197 East Lake Dr, Novi, MI) stated that he had pulled at least one bucket full of cut weed from the front of his lakefront property. He missed the last HOA meeting. He has been forwarding info to the Lake Board. He also commented he had hopes that the Lake Board would work with the Novi Parks, City Council, and City Management and work on some sort of agreement on the improvement of Shawood Lake. Chairperson Miller stated that the Lake Board cannot crossover because of legal

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restrictions.

Consideration of renewal with Savin Lake Services for 2022 lake treatment services

Moved by Mikus, Supported by Markham

CARRIED 4-0: To approve the lake treatment services contract renewal with Savin Lake Services for the year 2022.

Approval of 2022 Budget

Member/ Treasurer Mikus presented the proposed annual budget for 2022. The 2022 treatment costs proposed by Savin Lake Services are \$10,000 more than what was budgeted when preparing the 2020-2024 assessment roll; however, the 2021 budget is looking to be under at least \$10,000, so there are sufficient reserves to cover the increased costs.

Moved by Markham, Supported by Warren.

CARRIED 4-0: To approve the 2022 annual budget.

Public comment

No members of the public commented.

Public Comment ended.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Markham was asked if she ever received specific questions from her constituents. She stated that the biggest question she receives is whether or not Walled Lake is a public or private lake. She has confirmed with the other agencies, such as the Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Office and the City of Novi, that Walled Lake is a public lake.

Member Markham reported the Water Resource Commissioner would like to promote the planting of native plants as a buffer on the shoreline to improve the overall quality of the lake.

Chairperson Miller stated that she did not meet the May requirement deadline for the grant proposal.

ADJOURNMENT: There being was no further business to come before the Lake Improvement Board; Member Mikus made a motion to adjourn, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3: 26PM.



Megan Mikus
Secretary/Treasurer