

**WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2025**

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 2:03 pm.

Present:

Tina Miller, Riparian Owner Representative (Chairperson)
Megan Mikus, City of Novi Representative (Secretary-Treasurer)
Karen Warren, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Representative
Dennis O'Rourke, City of Novi Representative
Robert Smiley, Oakland County Board of Commissioners Representative

Also, Present:

Mark Roberts, Attorney, Secrest Wardle
Jan Ziozios, City of Novi, Assessor
Angela Maynard, City of Novi, Customer Service Representative
Matt Novotny, Savin Lake Services
Jerry Anderson, Resident, 127 S Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake

Public Comment

Jerry Anderson of 127 S Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, President of Lake Area Homeowners Association (area of people that live around the lake with deeded lake access). He thanked the Lake Board for all their work. The quality of the lake is very good. Our members support the renewal of the SAD.

Approval of September 19, 2024 Minutes

Moved by O'Rourke, Supported by Smiley

CARRIED 5-0: To approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting.

Treasurer's Report through May 31, 2025 and 2024 Annual Financial Report.

Treasurer/ Member Mikus presented the 2024 Annual Financial Report. The administrative and legal costs were a little higher than normal due to two years' worth of insurance being invoiced in one calendar year. The balance on hand through May 31, 2025, is \$222,166.09.

Moved by Warren, Supported by Mikus;

CARRIED 5-0: To accept the 2025 Treasurer's Report through May 31, 2025 and 2024 Annual Financial Report.

Approval of reimbursement of the Chair for educational training

Chair Miller submitted a receipt for participating in the MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program for Secchi disk transparency and summer phosphorous level, and printed report costs.

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Moved by Smiley, Supported by O'Rourke;

**CARRIED 5-0: To approve the reimbursement of the Chair for education trainings for \$63.
Chair requested a roll call vote:**

Warren – Yes

Miller – Yes

O'Rourke – Yes

Smiley - Yes

Mikus – Yes

Discussion of 2024 Water Quality Report and 2025 Treatments to Date

Savin Lake Services Operations Manager Matt Novotny went over the 2024 Water Quality Report. He recommended no action at this time.

Discussion of 2020-2024 Treatment Review and 2026-2030 Recommendations

Savin Lake Services Operations Manager Matt Novotny went over the 2024 fall treatment using the ProcettaCOR at the full rate and the efficacy of it. He recommended using it in the treatment plan in the future. He then continued with Savin's 2026-2030 Walled Lake Aquatic Weed Control proposal. He utilized the annual average acreage of that is treatment and used conservative calculations to devise his recommended treatment costs.

Discussion of Project Renewal (Years 2026 to 2030)

Board Attorney Mark Roberts reviewed the steps that need to be taken for the 2026-2030 project renewal.

Board Attorney Mark Roberts brought up a request for an increase in his hourly rate. He stated that his hourly rate has been the same since 2009. He requested an hourly increase from \$130.00 to \$160.00. He stated that this is consistent with what the City of Novi pays their attorney.

Moved by Smiley; Supported by O'Rourke;

CARRIED 5-0: To approve the increase to the Board Attorney's rate from \$130.00 to \$160.00 an hour and to allow the authorization for the Chair to sign the agreement.

Treasurer/ Member Mikus went over the Lake Board's financial summary from 2011 to 2024 and the history of annual assessment installments. She also provided a proposed five-year budgets for 2026 to 2030.

The members discussed the appropriate budget amounts and contingency amount. It was decided to accept the budget as proposed and to budget for 12% contingency.

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Moved by Mikus, Supported by Smiley;

CARRIED 5-0: To accept the proposed five-year budget with a 12% contingency.

Chair requested a roll call vote:

Warren – Yes

Miller – Yes

O'Rourke – Yes

Smiley – Yes

Mikus – Yes

Public Comment

Jerry Anderson of 127 S Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, President of Lake Area Homeowners Association- resubmitted his letter in support of the renewal of SAD.

Other Business: A public hearing date was tentatively scheduled for Thursday August 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Novi Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the Lake Improvement Board; Member Mikus made a motion to adjourn, supported by O'Rourke. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm.


Megan Mikus
Secretary/ Treasurer