

**WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 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 1:00 PM.

Present:

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

Also, present:

Mark Roberts, Board Attorney, Secrest Wardle
Matt Novotny, Operations Manager, Savin Lake Services

Public Comment

None

Approval of September 16, 2025 Minutes

Moved by O'Rourke, Supported by Mikus;

CARRIED 5-0: To approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2025 meeting.

Discussion of 2025 Treatments and 2026 Treatment Recommendations by Savin Lake

Matt Novotny, Operations Manager with Savin Lake Services, went over what is an ECC, which is the manufacturer's guarantee of treatment. The manufacturer's ECC/ guarantee would cover the cost of chemicals for any regrowth during a period of time; labor is not covered. There are conditions the treatment must meet- like size of treatment area and time of year- to be covered under the ECC. Savin Operations Manager Novotny recommends that the best lake management option at this time would be to treat everything now, upfront, to eliminate all milfoil now and its spread. However, if we did that now, then the treatment would not be covered under the ECC. Although it would be best to treat the lake now, it possibly could be better for the residents and the Lake Board if we wait until next season in order to have that ECC for the future.

There was discussion amongst the Board Members and the Operations Manager about timing of treatment, coverage of future treatments under the ECC/ guarantee, volume/ location of treatment, and budget constraints.

Board Attorney Roberts advised if the Board wished to drastically change the treatment plan/ project, which could be out of the budgeted amount; then, the Board should have a new public hearing about the project and assessment.

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After discussion, a motion was made to proceed with the original treatment plan within the original budget amount.

Moved by Mikus, supported by Smiley.

CARRIED 5-0: Treat Bed 1 in fall 2025 within the approved treatment budgeted amount.

Approval of the 2026 Budget

There was a discussion amongst the members and Savin Lake Services Operations Manager Novotny on the 2026 treatment plan and how much to budget for treatments. A motion was made to approve the budget as presented.

Moved by O'Rourke; Supported by Smiley.

CARRIED 5-0: To approve the 2026 Budget.

The Chair asked for a roll-call vote.

Warren – Yes

Smiley -Yes

Miller – Yes

O'Rourke – Yes

Mikus – Yes

Public Comment

None

Other Business

Member Mikus brought up the assessment renewal process and asked if there were any feedback or comments. Board Attorney Roberts suggested that members email their suggestions to Member Mikus and cc him.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the Lake Improvement Board; Member Mikus made a motion to adjourn, supported by Smiley. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 PM.



Megan Mikus
Secretary/ Treasurer