

WALLED LAKE  
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 19, 2010

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walled Lake was held at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road on August 19, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Dave Galloway, Chairman, at 7:01 p.m.

Present: William Burke, City of Walled Lake  
Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer, City of Novi  
Dave Galloway, Chairman and Riparian Representative  
Karen Warren, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Office

Also

Present: Spalding DeDecker representatives David Potter, Brian McKissen and Diane Martin  
Mark Roberts, Attorney, Secrest Wardle

Chairman Galloway announced that, due to the death of County Commissioner Jeff Potter, there would be only four members comprising the Lake Board. It was unlikely that anyone would be appointed to fill the vacancy until a new County Commissioner was elected in November.

Secretary-Treasurer Coburn indicated that he needed to verify the number of lakefront parcels reported in the Minutes of June 17, 2010.

**Moved by Burke, Supported by Coburn; CARRIED 3-0, 1 abstention: To approve the Minutes of June 17, 2010.**

Galloway	Yes
Burke	Yes
Coburn	Yes
Warren	Abstained (absent from meeting)

Secretary-Treasurer Coburn presented bills for payment: Observer & Eccentric (Invoice Nos. 3444001 and 3442049; Spinal Column Newsweekly (Invoice Nos. s1824740, s1826500); Secrest Wardle (Invoice Nos. 1202298, 1203113); totaling \$3,976.29.

**Moved by Coburn, Supported by Warren; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve payment of Bills.**

Mr. Galloway stated that the Board had invited Spalding DeDecker, the consultant for the engineering study, to make a presentation regarding the original recommendation and to address treatment alternatives that had been suggested by the public during the assessment public hearings.

David Potter and David McKissen reiterated that the primary focus was aquatic plant management, which could be done by mechanical weed harvesting, chemical treatment, weevil application or a combination. The recommendation from Spalding DeDecker was to apply mechanical weed harvesting to 75 percent of the Lake and

apply chemical treatment to 25 percent of the Lake. Mechanical harvesting couldn't be done in shallow water; that was the reason for chemical treatment to 25 percent of the Lake. They did not recommend the use of weevils because they were expensive at \$1 per bug and it was a three-five year process.

**At Public Comment** there were ten people that addressed the Board. The Board members informally agreed that the residents could ask questions of the consultant. Among the comments were concerns about the use of chemicals, frustration by residents on the east side of the lake that have to collect the weeds that wash ashore, clarification about the harvesting and chemical treatment areas as proposed, support for the use of weevils, concern about the use of chemicals near drinking water wells, support for the board to address the weed problem, and a report by Mayor Roberts of Walled Lake that several petitions to dissolve the Lake Board were delivered to Walled Lake City Council at its last meeting.

There was pause at Public Comment to consider other business.

**Moved by Coburn; supported by Warren; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve \$750 invoice from Spalding DeDecker for advance preparation and this evening's presentation.**

\*Karen Warren left the meeting.

Public Comment continued with two more individuals: one opposed to the SAD and the other stating that weeds are increasing and doing nothing was not an option.

Public Comment was closed.

Mark Roberts stated that the project had been approved, the Special Assessment had been approved; the question was whether it needed to be modified.

Mr. McKissen stated that if there were to be a weevil experiment, he would suggest three sites, with 5,000 weevils at each site, costing approximately \$1 per weevil.

Mr. Galloway stated that if there was a demo project, it would take dollars away from the rest of the project; he asked if it should wait until next year.

Mr. Burke did not want to have the Lake be a guinea pig.

Mr. Coburn stated that no decision should be made tonight; the Board needed to be prudent with the dollars it had.

**Moved by Burke; supported by Coburn; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To schedule a meeting for September 30, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. to allow for time to finalize the project before bidding.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



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Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer