

WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2012

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walled Lake was held at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 W. 10 Mile Road on November 13, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Dave Galloway, Chairman, at 4:00 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
Philip Weipert, Oakland County Board of Commissioners Representative

Also

Present: Mark Roberts (Attorney, Secrest Wardle), John Sellinger with Savin Lake Services, George Rourk (resident)

Chairman Galloway opened the meeting and then asked for Public Comment. There was one member of the public that spoke regarding the lack of weeds given the lower lake level this year than in previous years.

Moved by Coburn, Supported by Weipert; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Minutes of September 25, 2012 meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer Coburn presented the Treasurer's Report for the third quarter of 2012 and quarter to date for fourth quarter. The balance on hand as of November 8, 2012 is \$29,355.23 and includes the 2012 assessment payment from City of Walled Lake and the payments made to date in the City of Novi. Coburn noted that the Novi income includes prepayments for future years and that the final fourth quarter report will include a note with an approximate total.

Galloway introduced the weed survey performed by Savin Lake Services. John Sellinger with Savin Lake Services discussed the lake survey work that had been completed to date which included maps showing the location of native weeds and Eurasian milfoil. Sellinger summarized the program that had been completed in 2012 which included one round of harvesting and two rounds of herbicide, which he believed to be effective for reducing the amount of weeds in the lake. Sellinger said that a full report would be delivered to the Board by the end of 2012 for use in setting up the 2013 program.

Galloway asked if they survey noted any Starry Stonewort. Sellinger responded that it was not noted in Walled Lake but other lakes in the area do have it. Galloway wanted to thank Jerry Anderson with Lakes Area Homeowners Association for his assistance in surveying the lake and coordinate the contractor's work.

Board members asked Sellinger some questions regarding the treatments and it was noted that Sellinger believes that the Board is on track to manage the weeds in the lake.

Coburn presented the proposed 2013 budget which includes \$97,435 in income and expenses. Coburn noted that there was a contingency of 15% held, that \$5,000 is allocated to lake management consultant for water quality testing and another weed survey in fall 2013, \$1,500 allocated to the permit fee for herbicide treatments, \$3,000 allocated to legal and administrative services based on the 2012 projection, leaving \$73,320 for lake treatments.

Moved by Weipert, Supported by Coburn; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the Walled Lake Improvement Board 2013 budget as presented.

There was discussion regarding extension of the existing contracts for herbicide and harvesting to Savin Lake Services. Coburn noted that the 2012 contract allowed for the extension of the contract at the Board's discretion with a 3% increase in unit prices. Mark Roberts advised the Board that given that provision the contract could be extended.

Moved by Weipert, Supported by Coburn; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To exercise the option to extend the 2012 contracts with Savin Lake Services for herbicide and harvesting of Walled Lake in 2013 under the terms of the 2012 agreement.

Galloway asked for public comment and one member of the public spoke regarding the duration of the lake board and asked if the effort needed to continue past the current 5 year assessment. Mark Roberts explained that although the Lake Board was created by resolution from each City for a period of five years, the Board can continue on past the five years and prepare a new engineering report and new assessment roll. He suggested that the Board look at a four year roll to coincide with the term of the riparian representative under the statute. Coburn noted that the Board should seek resolutions of support from each City before continuing with another roll.

There was a discussion about the County Commission representative and redistricting that would take effect in January 2013. Mark Roberts noted that the statute only requires a representative from the County Commission, not necessarily the Commissioner that represents the district in which the Lake Board is located. Weipert stated that once the Commission meets the various assignments to boards and committees will be made.

Galloway stated that he has received complaints from residents about the rate at which the drawdown has occurred. Warren noted that the residents should contact the Water Resource Commissioner's maintenance personnel to complain. Galloway stated that he would like to see a coordination of police patrols on Walled Lake between Novi and the City of Walled Lake. Coburn noted that concerned residents should contact the City.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Lake Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.



Brian Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer