

**WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2018**

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walled Lake was held in the Activities Room at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 10 Mile Road on May 16, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Dave Galloway, Chairperson, at 2:06 P.M.

Present:

Casey Ambrose, City of Walled Lake Representative
Hugh Crawford, Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Representative
Dave Galloway, Riparian Owner Representative (Chairperson)
Megan Mikus, City of Novi Representative (Secretary-Treasurer)
Karen Warren, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Representative

Also Present:

Victor Cardenas, City of Novi, Assistant City Manager
Mark Roberts, Attorney, Secrest Wardle

Public comment:

One Walled Lake resident was present, Gabriel Costanzo of 815 Bluffton St., but he had no comments at that time.

**Moved by Crawford, Supported by Ambrose; CARRIED 4-0 (Absent: Warren):
To approve the Minutes of November 14, 2017 meeting.**

Treasurer/ Member Mikus presented the Treasurer's Report for the fourth quarter of 2017, the 2017 annual report, and the first quarter of 2018. The balance on hand as of March 30, 2018 was \$230,422.04. The surplus funding used in 2017 was \$9,569.28

Member Warren arrived.

**Moved by Crawford, Supported by Ambrose; CARRIED 5-0
To approve the fourth quarter 2017 Treasurer's report; 2017 Annual Report, and the first quarter 2018 Treasurer's report.**

Discussion of 2018 Treatment

Chairperson Galloway presented the status of treatment. The bio-base survey had not been completed yet due to the cooler temperatures. The timing of treatment is weather dependent. Chairperson Galloway discussed the possibility of using an alternative treatment for starry stonewort, clipper, as a more effective in the long-term instead of copper sulfate. No action was taken.

The Board approved in 2017 to provide financial support to Chairperson Galloway to attend the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association Conference in Thompsonville, Michigan. Chairperson Galloway attended the 2018 conference and asked for financial support for attending. Treasurer/ Member Mikus presented the cost, which totaled \$761.23 for reimbursement of mileage, hotel, and conference fee.

Moved by Ambrose, Supported by Crawford; CARRIED 5-0:

To reimburse of Chairperson Galloway \$761.23 for conference fee, housing, and mileage to attend the 2018 Michigan Lake and Stream Association Conference on April 20 and April 21.

Lakeshore Park and Pavillion Shore Park Shoreline Erosion Project:

Member Mikus presented that originally the City of Novi's Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural services had approached the Board for a letter of support of a grant they were pursuing in relation to the shoreline erosion issues at Lakeshore Park and Pavillion Shore Park. After being approached, the department was informed the projects would not be eligible for the grant. Member Mikus mentioned included in the packet were descriptions of the erosion issue along the shoreline at the parks and how the City of Novi planned to address the issue. Chairperson Galloway suggested a natural shoreline design would be more effective along the parks' lakefront area and not cutting the landscaping down to the water line. No action was taken.

Goose Nest Destruction Program:

Chairperson Galloway discussed the lake area homeowner associations had goose nest destruction program for several years and wanted to see if the Board would be interested in collaborating with other HOAs or other Lake Boards. Member Warren said she was not familiar of other Lake Boards with a goose removal program. Attorney Roberts expressed concern about acquiring the permits required to go onto properties to remove the nests. No action was taken.

Other:

Chairperson Galloway discussed on whether the Board would want to provide financial support to riparian owners to attend classes or conferences to educate themselves to help monitor the lake. Attorney Roberts expressed concerned regarding the liability the Board would assume. If more monitoring was necessary, Attorney Roberts suggested some alternatives: contracting the current contractor to monitor the lake, providing an informational packet for residents, and/or establishing a hotline for residents to report findings. No action was taken.

Chairperson Galloway shared with the Board that Michigan State University Extension has a mobile boat wash, which is provided for free at boating tournaments. This service helps prevent boaters the spread of invasive species. No action was taken.

Public comment:

Walled Lake Resident Gaberiel Costanzo brought up the issue of the flooding in the southwestern areas near the lake and if the Boad could do anything about it. Member Warren, the OCWRC representative, said the OCWRC maintains the lake level. If repairs need to be done on the Walled Lake dam, the OCWRC would repair them; however, the repair costs would be assessed on the Walled-Shawood Lake District; otherwise, it would be the property owner's responsibility for any repair on their property.

Member Warren informed the Board of sanitary sewer repairs OCWRC were doing on South Lake Drive on May 14 to 15. One repair was due to a resident boring their sprinkler line into the sewer line.

ADJOURNMENT: There being was no further business to come before the Lake Improvement Board; the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.

The Board next meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 12 at 2:00 PM.

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Megan Mikus, Secretary-Treasurer