

**WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2018**

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walled Lake was held in the Council Conference Room at the Novi Civic Center at 45175 10 Mile Road on September 12, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Dave Galloway, Chairperson, at 2:05 P.M.

Present:

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
Jerry Anderson, Lakes Area Homeowners Association (LAHA), President
Efton (Paul) Barber, Savin Lake Services, Operations Manager
Chris Compton, Goose Busters

Absent:

Casey Ambrose, City of Walled Lake Representative

Public comment:

One Novi resident was present, Lori McLean of 1307 West Lake Drive, but she had no comments at that time.

**Moved by Crawford, Supported by Warren; CARRIED 4-0:
To approve the Minutes of May 17, 2018 meeting.**

Treasurer/ Member Mikus presented a revised version of the previously presented Treasurer's Report for the fourth quarter of 2017, the 2017 annual report, and the first quarter of 2018. After the May meeting, an outstanding invoice was realized and was applied in 2017. Treasurer/Member Mikus present Treasurer's report for the second quarter of 2018. Of the income received from the City of Novi, \$856.45 was from Novi delinquent taxes. The balance on hand as of June 30, 2018 was 201,157.96

**Moved by Crawford, Supported by Warren; CARRIED 4-0:
To approve the fourth quarter 2017 Treasurer's report; 2017 Annual Report, the first quarter 2018 Treasurer's report, and the second quarter 2018 Treasurer's Report.**

Member Mikus explained the statute requires the Board to certify delinquent assessments each year. The Board received a report from City of Novi, but did not receive one from the City of Walled Lake. Member Crawford asked why. Member Mikus mentioned in previous years the City of Walled Lake had been notified and not reported. Attorney Roberts recommended having the City of Walled Lake Representative follow up on the matter.

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**Moved by Crawford, Supported by Ambrose; CARRIED 4-0:
To certify delinquent assessments received from the City of Novi.**

Goose Busters Presentation:

Chairperson Galloway had asked the President of the Lake Area Homeowner's Association (LAHA), Jerry Anderson and Chris Compton from Goose Busters to present to the Board about the work they do around Walled Lake. Chairperson Galloway presented that managing the geese population is important to maintaining the health of the lake as it prevents the spread of e-coli. LAHA President Jerry Anderson said for several years the Association has participated in the DNR's Goose Nest Destruction program; however, this permit limits the areas where they can access, which creates an imbalance. Anderson would like support from the Board to do an additional program of geese round up. Goose Buster Representative Chris Compton present the process: there is on-site round up in June, which provides geese free areas June, July and August. The cost for round up is \$350 for each set of 25 geese and \$150 for each additional set. Additionally, there is a permit fee of \$200 for geese round up. Member Warren asked where are the geese relocated. Goose Buster Representative Chris Compton said where the DNR dictates. Member Warren stated residents may have concerns over geese egg destructions and this type of service would be perpetual and it would take a long time before seeing a significant decrease. Goose Buster Representative Chris Compton said about 80% of adult geese and 0% of baby geese return the year after relocation. Novi Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas said the City of Novi has supported the LAHA goose nest destruction for several years. Chairperson Galloway would like to include funding towards this type of activity in the 2019 budget.

No action was taken.

Budget amendment for additional treatment:

Efton (Paul) Barber presented the 2018 BioBase survey report, which was completed in September. In late spring, there are a large algae bloom due to the unusually warm weather. For the third treatment, instead of the anticipated ~15 acres of Eurasian watermilfoil that needs to be treated, ~60 acres of treatment is needed along with treatment of one acre of algae. It is estimated the cost for this treatment would be \$41,000. Member Mikus said there is insufficient funds allocated for treatments in the approved budget to do all of the treatment. A budget amendment of \$15,000 from the reserves would cover the expense.

**Moved by Mikus, Supported by Crawford; CARRIED 4-0:
To amend the budget of the treatment line item from \$80,000 to \$95,000, using \$15,000 from reserves.**

Public comment:

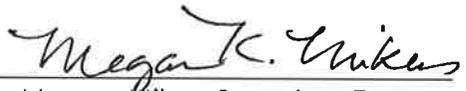
Novi resident Lori McLean said project has been occurring for about eight years and wanted to know the hard data on how the treatment has improved the lake quality. Chairperson Galloway said before treatment by the Board, it was difficult for boats to

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move around Walled Lake due to the weeds, and it had a sewer-like smell. It was noted by Efton (Paul) Barber of Savin Lake the number of acres needing to be treated went from 166 acres annually to around 60 acres annually. He said this shows the treatment is working.

ADJOURNMENT: There being was no further business to come before the Lake Improvement Board; the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

The Board next meeting was tentatively scheduled for February 12, 2019 at 2:00 PM



Megan Mikus, Secretary-Treasurer