

**WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2019**

I. Call Meeting to Order

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 February 12, 2019. The meeting was called to order by David Galloway, Chairperson, at 2:02 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Casey Ambrose, City of Walled Lake Representative
David Galloway, Riparian Owner Representative (Chairperson)
Gwen Markham, Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Representative
Megan Mikus, City of Novi Representative (Secretary-Treasurer)
Karen Warren, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Representative
Member Warren arrived at 2:11 PM.

Also, Present:

Jeff Muck, City of Novi Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Mark Roberts, Attorney, Secrest Wardle

III. Public comment

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

IV. Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2018 meeting

Moved by Ambrose, Supported by Markham; CARRIED 4-0: To approve the Minutes of September 12, 2018 meeting.

V. Treasurer's Reports

Secretary-Treasurer Mikus presented a budget amendment was needed to increase the administrative and legal line item \$137 to cover all 2018 administrative and legal costs. There is one outstanding invoice for legal services through 9/30/18, which had not been paid due to insufficient funds in the 2018 budget of the administrative & legal line item.

Moved by Ambrose, Supported by Markham; CARRIED 5-0: To increase the 2018 budget for the administrative & legal line item to \$1137.

Secretary-Treasurer Mikus presented the 2018 Q3 and Q4 reports, and the 2018 annual report. The balance on hand at the year's end was \$ 142,732.26.

**Moved by Ambrose, Supported by Galloway; CARRIED 5-0:
To approve the third 2018 Treasurer's report, the fourth quarter 2018 Treasurer's report;
2018 Annual Report.**

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Chairperson Galloway said he would like the Board to encourage more involvement from residents regarding the training for water quality and invasive species monitoring and possibly addressing milfoil in each municipality's ordinance. Member Markham suggested looking into the programs offered by the Oakland County Healthy Lakes Initiative and recommended working the neighboring homeowner's associations to encourage participation.

VI. 2018 End of the Year and Water Quality Report from Savin Lake Services

Chairperson Galloway present the 2018 End of the Year and Water Quality Report from Savin Lake Services. Member Markham questioned why the conductivity grade was F, while all other tests had results in As or Bs. There was discussion by the members of possible contributions to the high conductivity, such as the close proximity of the roads around the lake can contribute to debris running off into the lake, and salt applications by area winter operations and residents can lead to salt runoff. Member Ambrose suggested sending a letter to notify municipalities of the high conductivity of Walled Lake.

Moved by Ambrose, Supported by Markham; CARRIED 5-0: To send a letter to the City of Novi and the City of Walled Lake regarding the high conductivity of Walled Lake.

VII. Discussion of Geese Management

Chairperson Galloway discussed the need to address the geese issue around the lake as it can result to exposure to E. coli. Member Warren asked if there was budget request for this. Chairperson Galloway said there is none at this time. Jeff Muck, City of Novi Director of Parks, Recreational and Cultural Services, said the City of Novi had tried to work with the DNR (Michigan Department of Natural Resources) to implement preventative measures but no permanent fixes had been found.

No action was taken.

VII. Discussion of 2019 Treatment

Chairperson Galloway presented the 2019 treatments recommended by Savin Lake Services. He said there will be a better picture of necessary treatment after the annual spring vegetation survey in late May/ early June, dependent on weather.

No action was taken.

IX. Discussion of 2019 Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Mikus presented the proposed 2019 budget. She explained the budget for the "Other" line item was based on previous years' miscellaneous expenses, such as the costs associated for Board members to attend educational seminars. She pointed out, for example, the Board had approved the Chairperson to attend the annual Michigan Lake & Stream Conference in the previous years.

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Moved by Mikus, Supported by Ambrose; CARRIED 5-0: To approve the 2019 budget as proposed.

X. Public comment:

Gabriel Costanzo of 815 Bluffton Street, commented that has an outdoorsmen and he had concern the lake was being over treated. He thought the fish had not rebounded since the fish kill from several years ago, and the weeds are killed too deep. Also, Gabriel Costanzo had questions regarding the public notification of treatment. Chairperson Galloway clarified the process required by the contractor to post. Mr. Costanzo also asked questions regarding the sunset of the Board. Attorney Roberts explained the Board can only be dissolved by Resolution, which required a petition by both municipalities.

ADJOURNMENT: There being was no further business to come before the Lake Improvement Board; the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 PM.

The Board next meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2019 at 2:00 PM



Megan Mikus, Secretary-Treasurer