

Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)  
Meeting Minutes  
October 9, 2019  
Billings Township Hall

Meeting called to order by Chairman Doug Enos – 6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Carol Ayers, Doug Enos, Bob Kelley, Jeanette Snyder, Ray Drumright, Larry Woodard, Robert Evans, Joel Vernier, Dennis McBride

Board Members Absent: none

Others in Attendance: Paul Hausler from Progressive AE; Bre Grabill from PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited

Correspondence:

No new correspondence.

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed minutes from the September 11, 2019 meeting.

A motion to accept and file minutes was made by Larry Woodard and seconded by Bob Kelley.

Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

Paul Hausler handed out an updated project work journal describing the specific year to date treatment activities associated with the Wixom Lake Improvement Project and a summary document titled 'Wixom Lake Aquatic Plant Control Program Annual Activity Summary' dated October 2019. This latter document will be posted to the website. Paul commented that fewer acres were treated this season vs. last season. At the end of the season the total plant cover was similar to previous years but the distribution of plant species shifted in favor of native species. As examples, Paul mentioned that Eurasian milfoil dropped from being present in 68% of surveyed sites last year to 22% of sites this year while thin leaf pondweed increased to 40% of surveyed sites as compared to 11% of sites last year. This change is likely heavily influenced by the drawdown of the lake during the 2018-2019 winter season.

Doug Enos indicated that the board needed to consider activities and associated expenses related to preparation for treatment of Wixom Lake in 2020. These activities need to occur before our next meeting which will be in May of 2020. The activities include permit application for treatment (on WLIB behalf by PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation) and rental of Billings Township Hall for 2020 Wixom Lake Improvement Board meetings. Jeanette Snyder made a motion to preapprove payment of invoices for the permit and for hall rental. Larry Woodard seconded the motion. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting times and dates for 2020 were discussed. Meetings will be held at 6 PM at the Billings Township Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of May, June, July, August, September and October. Bob Kelley made a motion to formally set the 2020 meeting dates for May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, and October 14. Bob Evans seconded the motion. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

There is a requirement for publication of the 2020 meeting schedule in the Gladwin and Midland newspapers. A motion by Larry Woodard to pre-approve payment of publication fees was seconded by Jeannette Snyder. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Financial:

Invoice 197703 from PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. which was preapproved for payment in the September 2019 meeting was entered into the record. Bob Evans presented an updated financial statement. The balance as of 10/3/2019 is \$216,456.58. A motion to accept and file the financial statement by Carol Ayers was seconded by Bob Kelley. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

As meeting wrapped up, there was a comment by Joel Vernier concerning 'Time to Transfer' which is a mechanism to ensure proper functioning septic systems. Gladwin County is moving towards adopting 'Time to Transfer' guidelines which will have a positive impact on water quality. There was also brief discussion of the request by the Four Lakes Task Force to draw down Wixom Lake by 8 feet for the 2019-2020 winter to prevent ice damage to the dam. At this time it is uncertain whether the drawdown request will be granted.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Carol Ayers was seconded by Bob Kelly. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried. 6:35 pm.

Next WLIB meeting

Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6 pm

Billings Township Hall

Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright