

Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2017
Billings Township Hall

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

Board Members Present: Wilma Thurston, Larry Woodard, Dennis McBride, Doug Enos, Jeanette Snyder, Ray Drumright

Board Members Absent: Robert Evans, Robert Kelley, Sandra Aultman

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed minutes from the September 13, 2017 meeting

Motion to accept and file minutes by Dennis McBride and seconded by Wilma Thurston.

Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Letter of complaint from C. Robert Beltz concerning weed treatment in the Birchwood Shores Condominium Association dated September 13 2017 as well as response from Doug Enos including treatment maps showing treatments performed between 2012 and 2017 entered into file.

New Business:

Updated board member contact information sheet was presented.

Paul discussed Aquatic Vegetation Summary Sheets from areas treated with Sonar in 2017 and the control area. The treated area around Muddy Bay performed best while the treated area around Larabie creek did not respond as well to treatment. Milfoil was effectively controlled but native plants proliferated. Paul does not recommend treating with Sonar in 2018.

Paul handed out and updated 2017 project work journal and discussed results of AVAS survey. The number of acres treated or harvested from 2002 through 2017 was graphed (2017 was about the same as 2016). Paul indicated that in early years of program funds were predominately spent on milfoil control whereas in past year 30-40% of budget was used to control nuisance wild celery.

Paul also handed out and discussed some data tables showing results of water quality surveys in April and August 2017. Sampling sites were near Edenville dam, near Midland/Gladwin County line on east side of lake, and near Albright Shores. Results showed good oxygen levels and modestly high phosphorous levels. pH in spring was lower than in summer which is typical. In spring (low pH condition) it is easier to kill plants because they have not built up protective calcium carbonate layer which forms as season progresses. High chlorophyll levels measured in August are indicative of presence of floating algae (not a measure of filamentous algae). Results will be posted on website. Paul handed out treatment maps from survey on September 20th indicating areas to be treated for algae and starry stonewort. Treatments were done on September 26th.

WLIB meetings for 2018 were discussed. Proposal to hold meetings in Billings Township Hall at 6 PM on 2nd Wednesday of month was made. Larry Woodard made a motion to accept the proposal and it was seconded by Wilma Thurston. Board members present approved the motion. Motion carried. After

brief discussion about timing for last meeting of next year it was decided to hold it in October instead of November.

Thus, WLIB meetings for 2018 are scheduled for:

Wednesday May 9, 2018

Wednesday June 13, 2018

Wednesday July 11, 2018

Wednesday August 8, 2018

Wednesday September 12, 2018

Wednesday October 10, 2018

Financial:

Financial statement was introduced by Doug Enos on behalf of Bob Evans. Balance as of 10/17/17 is \$173,831.09.

An invoice from PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation was introduced.

188033, \$12,571.25 for treatment on September 26, 2017

Paul Hausler indicated that the treatment was satisfactory and that payment was in order. Larry Woodard made a motion to pay the invoice and it was seconded by Jeanette Snyder. Board members present approved the motion. Motion carried.

Before next meeting it will be necessary to obtain permit to treat for 2018. Proposal was made to authorize Bre Grabill to spend ~\$1500 to obtain the 2018 permit. Larry Woodard motioned to accept the proposal for authorization and Dennis McBride seconded. Board members present approved the motion. Motion carried.

Also before next meeting it will be necessary to publish the 2018 WLIB meeting dates in the Gladwin and Midland newspapers. There will be a modest fee (~\$100) for the publication. Dennis McBride motioned to pre- authorize Doug Enos to make and pay for the publication; Larry Woodard seconded. Board members present approved the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Dennis McBride, seconded by Larry Woodard. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried. 7:10 pm.

Next WLIB meeting

Wednesday May 9th, 2018 at 6 pm

Billings Township Hall

Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright