

Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 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, Joel Vernier, Robert Evans, Dennis McBride
Board Members Absent: Larry Woodard,
Others in Attendance: Paul Hausler from Progressive AE; Casey Shoaff from PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation; three members of public

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited

Correspondence:
No new correspondence.

Approval of Minutes:
Board members reviewed minutes from the July 10 2019 meeting
Motion to accept and file minutes by Bob Kelley and seconded by Bob Evans.
Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:
Paul Hausler handed out lake survey and treatment maps from July 10th. Paul also provided an updated project work journal describing the year to date activities associated with the Wixom Lake Improvement Project. The journal indicates an unofficial estimate of \$154,796.61 of total budget of \$220,000 remains for aquatic plant control the 2019 season inclusive of treatments through July 23.
Paul verbally summarized his survey of the lake that he completed today with recommended treatments and harvesting. He commented that relative to past years weed growth has been low, but the plants are catching up and there is a recent overall uptick in algae growth, especially in canals. Paul also indicated that the distribution of plant species has changed vs. prior years with less invasive species and appearance of more native species like American pond weed and water star grass which are good for fish habitat. He still wants to be aggressive on the invasive species that are present because they are likely to spread to areas with current low plant growth created by the extended drawdown. There was considerable discussion about algae and the difficulties in controlling it given rapid regeneration of spores, emergence of herbicide resistant varieties, and lack of ability to treat frequently due to permit restrictions. There was also discussion about harvesting of plants and whether or not to pursue it this year due to the fact that it is late in the season with potentially less general benefit than in past primarily due to reduced use of lake after Labor Day. Dennis McBride made a motion to pursue the recommended herbicide treatments and harvesting. The motion was seconded by Carol Ayers. The motion carried but there was a dissenting vote from Bob Evans.

Casey and Paul indicated that herbicide treatments are likely to occur during the week of August 19 but that harvesting would not start before August 28th due to harvester commitments on other lakes and may continue after the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Financial:

Bob Evans presented a final financial statement for 2019. The balance as of 7/30/2019 is 283,647.36. A motion to accept and file the financial statement by Jeanette Snyder was seconded by Bob Kelley. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

An invoice (196428) from PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. for \$20,992.05 covering treatments on 7/17/19 and another invoice (196768) from PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. for \$572.22 covering treatment on 7/23/19 were discussed. Paul indicated that treatments were successful. A motion to pay the two invoices once they are formally received was made by Bob Kelley and seconded by Jeanette Snyder. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Bob Kelley indicated that his email address has changed and is now Kelleybob307@gmail.com

Public Comment:

There was participation by public in the aforementioned algae discussion during Paul's review of lake survey but no further topics were brought up when Chairman Enos asked for public comment.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Bob Kelly, seconded by Bob Evans. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried. 7:00 pm.

Next WLIB meeting

Wednesday Sept 11th, 2019 at 6 pm
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Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright