

Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2020
Remote meeting utilizing Zoom

Meeting called to order by Chairman Doug Enos ~ 6:20 pm

Board Members Present: Carol Ayers, Doug Enos, Jeanette Snyder, Ray Drumright, Larry Woodard, Dennis McBride

Board Members Absent: Bob Kelley, Joel Vernier, Robert Evans,

Others in Attendance: Norma Stuart from Midland County Drain Commission, Paul Hausler from Progressive AE, Casey Shoaff from PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation

Due to the current stay home / stay safe order in Michigan, the board meeting was scheduled via video conference. Information to connect to the video conference was posted on the Wixom Lake Improvement Board website (<http://www.wixomlakeboard.org/>). This video conference meeting complies with the Governor's executive orders (2020-2 and 2020-75) for open meetings.

There were some start-up problems with getting everyone connected via Zoom but Norma resolved them and the meeting got underway.

Election of Officers for 2020

Larry Woodard made a motion to keep the same slate of officers as in 2019. Jeanette Snyder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was executed with board members present unanimously approving the motion. Motion carried.

Result:

Chairman – Doug Enos

Treasurer – Robert Evans

Secretary – Ray Drumright

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed minutes from the October 9, 2019 meeting.

A motion to accept and file minutes was made by Jeanette Snyder and seconded by Carol Ayers.

A roll call vote was executed by Chairman Enos with board members present unanimously approving the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

The permit for application of herbicides to Wixom Lake in 2020 by PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation has been approved by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE).

There was discussion around selecting a date for a public hearing for setting assessments for continuation of the management of invasive species and nuisance vegetation on Wixom Lake beyond 2020. Uncertainty about public gatherings in the near future and logistics of holding such a meeting remotely were discussed. Continuation of assessments without a public hearing was deemed a nonstarter. Jeanette Snyder indicated that she participated in a virtual public meeting associated with the Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) that went very well. She will look into the details and logistics of the virtual public hearing utilized by FLTF in case the WLIB needs to do something similar. A tentative date

of Saturday July 25th was selected if the meeting can be held in person. An alternate date of Thursday July 23rd was selected if the meeting must be held virtually. The date and mode of meeting will be firmed by mid June. Publication notice must occur at least 20 days prior to the event.

Paul Hausler reviewed a proposed budget for the Wixom Lake Improvement Project for 2021-2025. The proposed budget is for \$266,500 annually. With annual draw down of \$35,000 of 'surplus' funds, the budget requires an increase in assessments of \$2 per lakefront parcel.

Paul also briefly discussed his survey of the southern portion of the lake that he did today (5/13). Water temperature is around 60F. There is not much growing in the main lake yet. Large treatment is not likely to occur until later in June. Some of the canals need treatment now with algaecide. There was discussion of treating some perpetual algae nuisance areas with maximum level of SeClear (50lb/acre of chelated copper) in attempt to get a longer lasting effect. Paul will finish surveying the lake north of Estey bridge tomorrow (5/14) and supply PLM with treatment instructions and maps.

Paul also mentioned that Bre Grabill from PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation had been contacted by the FLTF about potential changes to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requirements for invasive species monitoring. She put people from an environmental consulting firm retained by FLTF (Affiliated) in touch with Paul. They shadowed Paul during lake survey and have asked for copies of the treatment maps. Paul will direct them to the WLIB website. Jeanette Synder will check into the situation with her contacts on the FLTF to determine if the WLIB needs to take any action.

Financial:

Due to Bob Evan's absence there was no financial report.

There was discussion of an attorney bill for \$1,221 that was received over the winter and paid. The attorney was needed to resolve an assessment problem in Billings Township. An increase in assessment resulting from the 2018 public hearing was missed for residents in Billings Township. The attorney worked with the Billings Township assessor on behalf of the WLIB to facilitate resolution of the missed assessment. A motion to retroactively approve the payment was made by Larry Woodard and was seconded by Carol Ayers. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Larry Woodard was seconded by Jeanette Snyder. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried. 7:18 pm.

Next WLIB meeting

Wednesday June 10th, 2020 at 6 pm

Billings Township Hall or Virtual Video Conference

Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright