

MINUTES

WIXOM LAKE PUBLIC HEARING

JULY 23, 2016

The Wixom Lake Improvement Board met at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2016, at the Beaverton Elementary school gymnasium, 440 S. Ross Street, Beaverton, Michigan.

Present: Doug Enos, Midland County Drain Commissioner, Chairman
Bob Evans, Gladwin County Drain Commissioner
Wilma Thurston, Billings Township Representative
Robert Kelley, Hope Township Representative
Dennis McBride, Tobacco Township Representative
Larry Woodard, Representative at Large

Absent: Ray Drumwright, Edenville Township Representative, Secretary
Jim Leigeb, Midland County Commissioner, Representative
Sandra Aultman, Gladwin County Commissioner, Representative

Also Present: Paul Hausler, Progressive AE
Bre Grabil, Professional Lake Management
Approximately 27 members of the public

Chairman Enos called the public hearing on continuation of improvements to Wixom Lake to order at 10:00 a.m. and made introductions. Robert Kelley agreed to serve as temporary secretary.

Paul Hausler gave a presentation on the history of the weed treatment program as well as the proposed program. His presentation included the following topics:

- Lake and watershed characteristics
- Various weed species
- Budget: Historic \$262,350/yr. – Proposed \$278,500/yr.
- Herbicides and their restrictions
- Harvesting
- Website
- Potential new exotic weeds
- Water quality

Larry Nelson – Billing Township Treasurer asked about the costs versus the treatment area.

A gentleman asked how the value of the assessment units was determined.

Jim Thatcher – 5107 Wixom Drive wanted an explanation of backlot verses lakefront assessments.

Carol Clark – 5301 S. Pine St. asked why canal lot owners and lakefront owners are treated equally in the assessments.

Jim Terrell – 5009 Wixom Drive said the program is improving and that this year is the best so far. He said we need to continue the program. He feels we need to bid out the treatment work as well as the consulting.

Dan Zunich – Billing Township Clerk said that the program is good but that there is an unresolved issue with the harvester having used the Township launch site. He believes the Board needs to resolve the issue.

Larry Grell – Billings Township Supervisor said that if the Harvester/Launch Area issue is not resolved, that the program should not continue.

Allen Dodge – 1103 Brushaber Rd. asked if we were certain the chemicals used were safe and if the fish were safe to eat.

Monty Wiseman – 5314 S. Pine St. said the program is working. He said that the Venise Subdivision area is better than before the program started. He also feels that businesses should be charged more.

Jim Terrell – stated that he is in favor of the program.

Mark Kramer – 5371 S. M30 said that he is also in favor of continuing the program.

Julie Hynes – 4461 Lakeview Drive questioned the reasoning behind backlot charges.

Kurt Thatcher – 5017 Wixom Drive had questions about bidding and the website.

Mike Kelly – 3696 S. Lake Drive is pleased with the program. He questions the method used to select the consultant. He feels the harvester issue need resolving.

Dave Kennedy – 3507 E. Point Drive spoke in support of the program.

Carol Baxter – 4477 Lakeview didn't use to be able to use their boat due to weeds, now they can. She wants the program to continue.

Dan Zunich – wants to work with Lake Improvement Board to resolve harvester damage issue.

At this point public comment was closed. Doug Enos read a proposed resolution to proceed with improvements to Wixom Lake. Dennis McBride moved that the resolution be adopted. Larry Woodard seconded the motion.

Ayes – Enos, Evans, Kelley, McBride, Thurston, Woodard

Nays – None

Absent – Aultman, Drumwright, Leigeb

Motion carried.

The public hearing on confirmation of the special assessment roll for improvements to Wixom Lake was called to order.

Mike Kelley – wondered how the dollar value was established.

Monty Wiseman – feels that trailer lots are not assessed high enough.

There were no actual objections to the special assessment rolls for Gladwin and Midland Counties.

Doug Enos read a proposed resolution confirming the special assessment roll and directing the assessments for improvements to Wixom Lake. Dennis McBride moved for adoption of the resolution. Bob Evans seconded the

motion.

Ayes – Enos, Evans, Kelley, McBride, Thurston, Woodard

Nays – None

Absent – Aultman, Drumwright, Leigeb

Motion carried.

Doug Enos closed the public hearing, thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Kelley