

Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2016
Billings Township Hall

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

Board Members Present: Wilma Thurston, Larry Woodard, Dennis McBride, Doug Enos, Sandra Aultman, Ray Drumright, Robert Kelley

Board Members Absent: Robert Evans, Jim Leigeb

Others in Attendance: Paul Hausler from Progressive AE; Luke Britton from Clarke (a lake management company)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed minutes from the September 14, 2016 meeting .

Motion to accept and file minutes by Robert Kelley and seconded by Wilma Thurston.

Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Email complaint about lack of harvesting in areas of GPS waypoints 414-415 was discussed. While the area was not subject to harvesting this year it did receive both contact and systemic herbicide treatments as revealed in the 2016 composite management map. Paul Haussler communicated this information to the property owner by phone.

New Business:

Paul Hausler provided the board with several handouts including: 1) The aforementioned 2016 Composite Management Map; 2)Wixom Lake Aquatic Herbicide Treatment Bid Tabulation; 3) Wixom Lake Aquatic Plant Harvesting Bid Tabulation; 4)Project Work Journal; 5)2016 Standard Aquatic Vegetation Summary Sheet; 6)graphical summary of survey titled Wixom-Lake – Aquatic Plant Survey Results – 2016.

Paul summarized the Aquatic Herbicide Treatment bid tabulation. Four companies submitted bids using estimated use levels and application areas for a suite of herbicides: Aqua-Weed Control Inc. (\$418,925), Clarke (\$437,495), PLM (\$444,850), and Savin Lake Services (\$450,715). Luke Britton from Clarke was present to address questions about the Clarke bid and company capabilities. Representatives from other companies were not present. After inquiries to Paul and Luke about differences in costs for various herbicides in the bids, discussion of the merits/demerits & capabilities of the companies, as well as the experience level of the companies on lakes like Wixom, Dennis McBride made a motion to accept the PLM bid. Wilma Thurston seconded the motion. Board members present voted on the motion.

Yea: McBride, Thurston, Woodard, Enos

Nay: Drumright, Kelley, Aultman

Motion carried.

Paul also summarized the Aquatic Plant Harvesting bid tabulation. Two companies submitted bids using estimated harvest areas for native plants and starry stonewort: Savin Lake Services (\$37,500), and PLM (\$43,300). After discussion of the merits/demerits & capabilities of the companies, Larry Woodard

made a motion to reject all of the bids. Robert Kelley seconded the motion. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Paul will investigate capabilities of the bidders and determine if other options exist. The topic will be re-addressed in April 2017 meeting.

Paul made comments on the 2016 plant survey. Wild celery, coontail, and American pondweed were the most common native species. Eurasian milfoil was the most plentiful invasive species. Starry stonewort showed a noticeable increase this year.

WLIB meetings for 2017 will be scheduled for the second Wednesday of the indicated months at 6 pm in the Billings Township Hall. Dates for the meetings are:

April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, and November 8.

Wilma will book the Billings Township Hall for the meetings.

Financial:

Two invoices were presented for payment. 1) \$1,016.33 (Invoice #183258 dated 9/7/16) from PLM Lake and Land Management Corp.; 2) \$17,783.12 (Invoice #183352 dated 9/20/16) from PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. Paul asserted that the treatments were effective and payment is appropriate. Larry Woodard made a motion to pay the invoices. Sandra Aultman seconded the motion. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Dennis McBride, seconded by Robert Kelley. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried. 7:20 pm.

Next WLIB meeting

Wednesday April 12th, 2017 at 6 pm

Billings Township Hall

Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright