

Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2018
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, Robert Evans, Robert Kelley, Ray Drumright

Board Members Absent: Jeanette Snyder, Sandra Aultman

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag recited

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed minutes from the June 13, 2018 meeting

Motion to accept and file minutes by Larry Woodard and seconded by Wilma Thurston.

Board members unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

Paul Hausler handed out a project work journal detailing actions taken through June 25, 2018, and treatment maps generated from plant surveys from June 14th. Paul discussed the executed treatments associated with the last survey and his assessment of efficacy of those treatments. The northern portions of the lake were assessed today (July 11) and assessment will be completed tomorrow (July 12). For the areas already assessed, Paul deemed the treatments successful with the exception of the area between waypoints 186 and 188 (sheet 3) where milfoil was still flourishing. This area will be retreated at no charge.

Paul also discussed plant survey conducted on north section of lake today (7/11). Water temperature in main lake was 84F in afternoon. Survey will be completed tomorrow (7/12) for southern portions of lake. Areas to be treated and areas to be harvested were highlighted. Harvesting is expected to start on 7/12 while Bre indicated that next treatment is anticipated to be early in the week of July 16. Significant areas of starry stonewort were observed in the survey and will be aggressively treated. The starry stonewort is primarily located at drop-offs in 4-8 ft of water. Paul mentioned that a potential course of action to consider in future to combat infestation with starry stonewort (which spreads by fragmentation) is to suspend harvesting in areas known to have starry stonewort (or even on entire lake) for a year or two while aggressively utilizing chemical treatments.

Financial:

Invoices from PLM Lake and Land Management Corporation were discussed.

In the June meeting the board approved payment of Invoice 189520 for \$29,108.52. However, when actual invoice was received an additional small treatment for algae was added which increased the total to \$29,928.93. As a result, Bob Evans delayed payment of the invoice until he could discuss it with the board. Paul Hausler indicated that the treatments were satisfactory and that payment was in order.

Bob Kelley made a motion to pay the invoice and it was seconded by Larry Woodard. Board members unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

An invoice for the June 7 treatment has not been worked up yet but Paul indicated that treatment was satisfactory and payment was in order. The estimated cost for the June 7 treatment is between 38 and 40 thousand dollars. Larry Woodard made a motion to authorize payment contingent upon receipt of formal invoice. Bob Kelley seconded the motion. Board members unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

An invoice for the June 25 treatment has not been worked up yet and Paul has not completed his assessment of effectiveness. The estimated cost for the June 25 treatment is approximately \$65,200. Bob Evans made a motion to authorize payment contingent upon receipt of both formal invoice and Paul's positive assessment of effectiveness. Bob Kelley seconded the motion. Board members unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Financial statement was introduced by Bob Evans. Balance as of 7/5/18 is \$239,224.79.

Public Comment:

None. Some board discussion around potential strategies to stop the spread of starry stonewort in Wixom Lake. Washing station for boats and trailers at DNR boat launch or at locations for bass tournaments mentioned. Paul indicated that spread of invasive species in Minnesota lakes has been tied to equipment transported between lakes for Walleye tournaments.

Adjournment:

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

Next WLIB meeting

Wednesday August 8th, 2018 at 6 pm

Billings Township Hall

Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright