

Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB)
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 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, Robert Evans, Sandra Aultman, Ray Drumright, Jim Leigeb
Board Members Absent: Robert Kelley
Others in Attendance: Paul Hausler from Progressive AE; Bre Grabill from PLM Lake and Land Management Corp; 3 members of public

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed minutes from the August 10 2016 meeting
Motion to accept and file minutes by Dennis McBride and seconded by Wilma Thurston.
Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Email request by Paul Hausler to Bre Grabill to treat portions of lake for algae was verbally introduced and entered into WLIB file by Doug Enos.

New Business:

Paul Hausler provided the board several handouts including 1) Wixom Lake Improvement Board Bid Documents for Aquatic Herbicide Treatments of Wixom Lake, Gladwin and Midland Counties, Michigan dated September 2016; 2) Wixom Lake Improvement Board Bid Documents for Aquatic Plant Harvesting of Wixom Lake, Gladwin and Midland Counties, Michigan dated September 2016; 3)Wixom Lake Improvement Program Annual Budget and Plan 2017-2020; 4)Project Work Journal; 5)maps summarizing treatments scheduled as a result of 8/10/16 lake survey.

Paul summarized the Aquatic Herbicide Treatment bid document emphasizing indemnification clauses, 2% COLA, and the fact that annual contract extensions are at the discretion of the board despite bid request for 4 year term (2017-2020). Jim Leigeb made a motion to accept bid document after some minor clerical corrections and proceed with bid process. Larry Woodard seconded the motion. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Paul also summarized the Aquatic Plant Harvesting bid document emphasizing indemnification clauses, 3% COLA, moving the preferred harvesting window from early July to late July, and the fact that annual contract extensions are at the discretion of the board despite bid request for 4 year term (2017-2020).

Jim Leigeb and Sandra Aultman departed at 6:45 PM for other commitments.

Robert Evans made a motion to accept bid document after some minor clerical corrections and proceed with bid process. Larry Woodard seconded the motion. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Doug Enos led discussion of the proposed Wixom Lake Improvement Program Annual Budget and Plan 2017-2020 from Progressive AE. Dennis McBride made a motion to accept proposed budget/plan and authorize Chairman Enos to sign the contract after some minor clerical corrections and clarifications to

line items that do not alter the proposed budget. Larry Woodard seconded the motion. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Paul discussed the upcoming AVAS survey which will occur September 15th 2016. During survey Paul will collect samples / data to keep the option of use of SONAR herbicide in selected areas for 2017. Areas for potential use of SONAR include 1) between GPS waypoints 502 and 476 (i.e. island up into muddy bay), and 2) GPS waypoints 391-387. Areas with a lot of celery are not good candidates for SONAR treatment because you can't treat area with anything else during season after use of SONAR (and SONAR not effective on celery).

Lastly, Paul indicated that for 2016 Wixom Lake Improvement Program he estimates full budget plus ~ \$8200 of contingency has been used to date.

Financial:

A financial statement was presented by Robert Evans. The statement shows a balance of \$255,627.95 as of August 11th 2016. Larry Woodard made a motion to receive and file the financial report. Dennis McBride seconded the motion. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Two invoices were presented for payment. 1) \$28,906.33 (Invoice #182924 dated 8/15/16) from PLM Lake and Land Management Corp.; 2) \$4,984.80 (Invoice #183147 dated 8/29/16) from PLM Lake and Land Management Corp. Paul asserted that the treatments were effective and payment is appropriate. Dennis McBride made a motion to pay the invoices. Wilma Thurston seconded the motion. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried.

Public comment:

Carol Burkhart with property near GPS waypoint 321 shared pictures of heavy weed growth around her property and docked pontoon boat. She asked that the area be carefully looked at during the upcoming survey and treated if possible. She was told that it is unusual to treat this late in the season and that weeds would soon die back naturally. Regardless, Paul will look at the area during the September 15 2016 AVAS and make recommendation for the board to consider.

Larry Woodard indicated that he had been contacted by representative from Birchwood Shores (off Middle Rd) about weed growth in an undeveloped portion of the subdivision that is located beyond a box culvert. Since the area is undeveloped only invasive weeds (i.e. milfoil, Starry Stonewort, etc) can be treated. Paul will look at area to identify species.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Dennis McBride, seconded by Larry Woodard. Board members present unanimously approved the motion. Motion carried. 7:30 pm.

Next WLIB meeting

Wednesday November 9th, 2016 at 6 pm

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Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright