

Wixom Lake Improvement Board
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2016
Billings Township Hall

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

Board Members Present: Wilma Thurston , Larry Woodard, Dennis MicBride, Doug Enos, Robert Evans, Sandra Aultman, Jim Leigeb , Ray Drumright, Robert Kelley

Board Members Absent: none

Others in Attendance: Paul Hausler from Progressive AE; Bre Grabill and intern from PLM Lake and Land Management Corp

Pledge of Allegiance

Election of 2016 Wixom Lake Improvement Board Officers. Doug Enos called for nominations for Chairmain and secretary. Treasurer of board is not annually elected and is Robert Evans (Gladwin County Drain Commissioner).

Robert Evans made a motion to re-elect officers from 2015 (Enos – Chairman; Drumright – secretary). Dennis McBride seconded the motion. Board members approved the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed minutes from the November 11, 2015 meeting

Motion to accept and file minutes by Wilma Thurston and seconded by Jim Leigeb.

Board members approved the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Doug Enos presented a letter he sent to Peter Poznak on behalf of the board on December 8, 2015 addressing the issue of the Billings Township boat launch area and the fact that Mike's Clearwater Harvesting is an independent contractor.

Paul Hausler provided verbal comments about lake survey conducted Wednesday May 11.

Approximately 60% of lake has been surveyed; the remaining 40% (northern part) will be surveyed on Thursday May 12. There is significant weed growth already in canals. There is also weed growth in the main lake but it is not as advanced as in the canals. Most of the growth is milfoil with a little bit of curly leaf pondweed. Expect that first treatment of the lake will be during week of May 16. Wixom lake was not selected to participate in study of effectiveness of pelletized SONAR, however, Paul indicated that lake with similar characteristics to Wixom lake was selected and learnings from it can be applied to Wixom lake in the future. Paul also provided board with a packet of information that included:

- 1) project work journal detailing all work from 2015;
- 2) costs per acre of different herbicide treatments and harvesting for 2016;
- 3) project annual budget itemization for 2013-2016 and a proposal for annual budget for 2017-2020
- 4) an article titled 'Lake Water Quality: Are We Winning the War' from The Michigan Riparian, Summer 2015
- 5) a paper titled 'Lake Management Planning: Not Another Study' by Tony Groves, Pam Tynning, and Paul Hausler

There was discussion about the 2017-2020 project proposal. Proposal spending would be larger than assessments by \$12,000-15,000 annually. One addition (\$3000) to proposal vs. what is currently done is the monitoring of water quality to assess lake health which has only been sporadically done in the past. There was also inquiry about monitoring composition of sediment and any additional cost of doing so that would be added to project proposal. Discussion of assessments included questions about assessment of properties using road right-of-ways for docks as well as distinctions between trailer parks and campgrounds. There was also suggestion that a new assessment category be created for properties with more than 50 boat slips. Discussion was tabled but general consensus was that assessments reflect a snapshot in time. A hearing will be scheduled for public comment on the 2017-2020 proposal. Notices must be published 20 days in advance and mailed 10 days in advance of hearing date. It is desired to have hearing on weekend to allow for maximum participation. Robert Kelley made motion of Saturday July 23 (alternate date Saturday July 30) for date of hearing. Bob Evans seconded. All board members approved. Motion carried. Bob Evans will check on availability of Beaverton High school for the hearing. Availability of venue will dictate date.

Sandra Aultman left at 7 pm to attend to another commitment.

Robert Evans submitted a financial statement showing the Wixom Lake Improvement Board balance was \$101,674.72 as of Jan 1 2016. Permit application for lake treatment was paid as approved in November meeting. Gladwin county taxes deposited. Midland county taxes are anticipated to be received around the end of May. Balance as of 4/30/16 is \$265,941.16. Dennis McBride made a motion to accept the financial statement, seconded by Wilma Thurston. All board members present approved. Motion carried.

No public comment

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Robert Kelley, seconded by Jim Leigeb. All board members present approved. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:05 pm.

Next meeting

Wednesday June 8th, 2016 at 6 pm
Billings Township Hall

Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright