

Wixom Lake Improvement Board
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2015
Billings Township Hall

Meeting called to order by Chairman Doug Enos at 6:00 pm

Board Members Present: Wilma Thurston, , Doug Enos, Lydia Goschke, Robert Evans, Bob Kelley, Sandy Aultman, Jim Leigeb, Ray Drumwright

Board Members Absent: Dennis McBride

Others in Attendance: Paul Hausler from Progressive AE; no public attendance

Pledge of Allegiance

Election of Officers

Motion made by Bob Evans to elect Doug Enos as Chairman, Ray Drumwright 2nd, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Leigeb to elect Robert Evans Vice Chairman, Bob Kelley 2nd, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion made by Ray Drumwright to elect Lydia Goschke Secretary, Bob Evans 2nd, all ayes, motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Board members reviewed minutes from November 12, 2014 meeting. Robert Evans went over minutes wording for invoices that were paid vs. unpaid. Did not see motion to authorize payment of 3rd bill in the amount of \$30,091.91. Discussion followed for correct sequence of receipt/payment of bills. Jim Leigeb made a motion to change “accept” to “pay”, Bob Kelley 2nd, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence

None

New Business

a. 2015 Program Review:

Paul Hausler from Progressive AE reviewed website changes: reworked tabs; noted watershed area was 943 square miles. Described changes on new depth contour maps and FAQ's. Changes include broader information of milfoil types and density with links to other informational websites.

b. Permit Application:

Permit application and invoice for \$1,500 received from Progressive ae; approved for payment.

c. Auxin Screening Report:

Discussed spreading of hybrid milfoil not only from cross pollination, but increased production of seeds as well, making the hybrid milfoil the predominant plant. Handed out graphs of auxin screening procedure results on Eurasian milfoil vs. Northern hybrid milfoil reaction to different applications of herbicides. (2, 4-D, Renovate^R, Sculpin^R, and Sonar^R). He explained the hybrid is showing increased resistance to some chemicals. Found more hybrid milfoil at the end of the season than 5 years ago.

Recommended genetic testing (\$1,500) every year or two to track susceptibility to chemicals. Suggesting more rotation of herbicides to prevent hybrid's resistance.

Ray Drumwright said perhaps we should re-visit the effectiveness of harvesting. Bob Evans said if we harvest before the lakes gets really active (July 4th) would that help? Response was “no”, since the chemicals prevent tall growth which is what harvester collects. Jim Leigeb asked if concentrating on eliminating hybrid milfoil would increase cost of treatment. Response was, we need to focus on eliminating the Eurasian milfoil first.

d. 2014 AVAS Survey:

e. New Freedom of Information Act (FOILA) Law:

Doug Enos suggested we look at policies generated from Gladwin and Midland counties and adopt either one or the other, whichever one works best for us. Law goes into effect July 1, 2015. He also discussed what we would need to do to make the information available as far as old files, if we are able to retrieve them.

Old Business

Updated member list:

Financial

Discussion of 2014 financial sheets, with an ending balance of \$77,364.33. Sandy Aultman made a motion to receive and file. Bob Kelley 2nd. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Bob Evans made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., Sandy Aultman 2nd. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lydia Goschke
Secretary
Member-at-Large