

Wixom Lake Improvement Board
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2015
Billings Township Hall

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

Board Members Present: Wilma Thurston , Sandra Aultman, Doug Enos, Robert Kelley, Ray Drumright, Robert Evans, Dennis McBride, and Jim Leigeb

Board Members Absent: none

Others in Attendance: Paul Hausler Progressive AE; Bre Grabill and intern from PLM Lake and Land Management Corp, and 3 people from public.

Pledge of Allegiance

Doug Enos announced that Lydia Goschke resigned her position as member at large on the Wixom Lake Improvement Board and distributed her letter of resignation dated May 12 2015.

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed corrected minutes from November 12 2014 meeting

Motion to accept and file minutes by Jim Leigeb, seconded by Dennis McBride

Board members present approved the motion

Motion carried

Board members reviewed minutes from March 11 2015 meeting

Motion to accept and file minutes by Dennis McBride, seconded by Robert Kelley

Board members present approved the motion

Motion carried

Correspondence:

Lydia Goschke has been in communication with Paul Hausler about corrosion of the aluminum tubes on her paddle boat and potential links to the condition and use of copper sulfate for algae control in shallow, stagnant water as found in some canals (email dated April 23, 2015). There was much discussion with several opinions shared. Some research done by Paul (email dated May 2 2015) indicated that stray voltage is commonly implicated in corrosion of aluminum in salt water and less frequently implicated in fresh water. Strategies for preventing aluminum corrosion such as coating and sacrificial anodes were mentioned by various people during the discussion. Doug Enos spoke with representative from DEQ and was given some internet links that can be shared for informational purposes but no board endorsement of products or presence / absence of a problem is implied.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

There is a need to fill vacant member at large position on the board. Bob Evans will contact the Wixom Lake Association and inquire about potential candidates.

Paul Hausler, Progressive AE, handed out packet of information that included maps with updated depth contours and article from The Michigan Riparian (Spring 2015) titled Back to the Future: A Perspective on History and Events that Shaped Michigan's Lakes and Streams. Lake survey for plant growth is scheduled for May 14, 2015. There is lots of flow and turbidity now but with high definition sonar and rake, good results are expected. Survey will be completed on 'extra day' if needed – May 21, 2015.

Milfoil was prolific last year. Bioassays run last fall will be used to adjust treatment dosage. Water samples were taken in order to keep an option open for 2016 to treat with granular fluridone (SONAR). There is potential for Wixom Lake to be included in the Michigan Invasive Species Grant for treatment with fluridone. See email dated April 17 2015. The cost of the treatment would not be covered by the grant.

There may be treatment of canals prior to Memorial day. Unlikely to treat main lake prior to Memorial day. Weed growth expected to be minimal due to low water temperatures (below 60F).

Treatment maps will be posted on Midland County website and Wixom Lake Improvement Board website.

Mike from Mike's Clearwater harvesting has indicated that he will join board meeting prior to harvesting this year to discuss harvesting plan.

Robert Evans submitted a corrected financial statement showing that as of 12/31/2015 the Wixom Lake Improvement Board balance was \$77,431.53. Bob also provided a statement covering Jan 1 through April 30 2015 which showed a balance on 4/30/15 of \$212,719.64.

Wilma Thurston shared that the Gladwin paper reported that the most recent information is that the Wixom Lake drawdown for dam improvement is scheduled to commence on September 8, 2015.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dennis McBride, seconded by Jim Leigib. All board member present approved. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:05 pm.

Next meeting

Wednesday June 10th, 2015 at 6 pm
Billings Township Hall

Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright