

Wixom Lake Improvement Board
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2015
Billings Township Hall

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

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

Board Members Absent: Robert Kelley

Others in Attendance: Paul Hausler and Lindsey Schulte (intern from Progressive AE); Bre Grabill from
PLM Lake and Land Management Corp, and Larry Grell, Billings Township Supervisor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Doug Enos announced a change to agenda to cover the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Wilma
Thurston made a motion to accept agenda change and Larry Woodard seconded the motion. Board
members present approved the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed minutes from the June 10 2015 meeting

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

Board members present approved the motion. Motion carried.

Updated contact information for board members presented and filed.

Paul Hausler provided board with a packet of information that included 1) a map of the Tittawabasse
arm of Wixom Lake with launch sites and potential transfer sites highlighted, 2) project work journal
detailing work from Jan 1 2015 through June 25 2015 with an approximate cost of treatments over the
time period of \$106,000, and 3) treatment maps from aquatic plant surveys conducted June 10th and
June 18th. Paul commented that treatment south of Estey Rd. looked effective and that northern
sections would be assessed shortly. Paul also verbally detailed aquatic plant survey conducted today
(July 8). Areas of milfoil and celery were highlighted for treatment. Areas of pondweed were
highlighted for harvest. Of concern were two areas found to contain Starry Stonewort. The Starry
Stonewort was found offshore between GPS waypoints 53 and 55 as well as a larger patch along the
shore between GPS waypoints 143 and 159. The Starry Stonewort is still juvenile (only several inches
tall) so it should respond well to treatment. Treatment will be aggressive and Bre indicated that
treatment may include Komeen crystal which has been effective in other lakes.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Chairman Enos led a discussion about FOIA and options that the
board should consider for compliance. New rules went into place as of July 1 2015. FOIA links need to
be on the Wixom Lake Improvement Board (WLIB) website. Policy, summary of policy, request forms,
costs, appeals, etc. need to be available. Options include adopting policies of Midland and/or Gladwin
counties, or perhaps creating something unique to WLIB from templates available from the Michigan
Township Association. Key points to consider are who will serve as the Information Coordinator and
who will handle appeals. Likely candidates for Information Coordinator are drain commissioners of
Midland or Gladwin counties (i.e. Doug or Bob) or the respective county clerks. Sandra will inquire

about adopting the Gladwin County FOIA policy with augmenting some of the forms. Doug Enos provided board members with copies of the Midland and Gladwin County FOIA policies. Motion to table the issue until August meeting to allow information gathering and education made by Doug Enos and seconded by Dennis McBride. Board members present approved the motion. Motion carried.

Robert Evans submitted a financial statement showing that as of 7/1/2015 the Wixom Lake Improvement Board balance was \$244,546.98. Doug Enos commented that the Midland county taxes are included in the total and so the full allotment for the year is represented in the total.

Two invoices from PLM for treatment of the lake were submitted for payment. Paul indicated that treatments were effective and that he approves payment. Invoice 146472 for treatment on 6/22/2015 for \$40,454.80 and invoice 146675 for treatment on 6/25/2015 for \$11,158.94. Jim Leigeb made a motion to pay the invoices. Sandra Aultman seconded the motion. All board members present approved. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Larry Grell, Billings Township Supervisor presented the board with a bill for \$1150 for repair of damage to the Billings Township park that allegedly occurred last year due to use of the site as a transfer site during aquatic weed harvesting. Discussion ensued about nature of the damage, whether it was caused by use of site during weed harvest, and if so, the responsible party for repair. Position of the board coalesced around not being an intermediary in the dispute. Instead, direct interaction of Billings Township with Mike from Mike's Clearwater Harvesting is the path recommended for further discourse. Motion made by Dennis McBride for the board to not accept the bill and formally recommend that Billings Township interact directly with Mike from Mike's Clearwater Harvesting. Bob Evans seconded the motion. All board members present approved. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dennis McBride, seconded by Sandra Aultman. All board member present approved. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.

Next meeting
Wednesday August 12th, 2015 at 6 pm
Billings Township Hall

Minutes submitted by Ray Drumright