

**WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2025**

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walled Lake was held at the Novi Civic Center Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Tina Miller, Chairperson, at 7:02 pm.

Present:

Tina Miller, Riparian Owner Representative (Chairperson)
Megan Mikus, City of Novi Representative (Secretary-Treasurer)
Karen Warren, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Representative
Dennis O'Rourke, City of Walled Lake Representative
Robert Smiley, Oakland County Board of Commissioners Representative

Also, Present:

Mark Roberts, Attorney, Secrest Wardle
Jan Ziozios, Assessor, City of Novi, Assessor
Max Griffin, Assessor, City of Walled Lake
Nina Schaffrath, Account Clerk, City of Novi

Public Comment

Mark Adams, 1721 E Lake, Novi – The Lake Board has done a great job. We used to have a serious seaweed problem, and now we don't. He is concerned about the overflow occurring at the dam at the southwest corner of Walled Lake. He feels government has been unresponsive. Shawood Lake residents are trying to put together a weed control program and maybe they will be forming a Lake Board to address their problems.

Approval of June 17, 2025 Minutes

Moved by O'Rourke, Supported by Mikus;

CARRIED 5-0: To approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2025 meeting.

Treasurer's Report through July 31, 2025

Treasurer/ Member Mikus noted some expenses that had occurred in July have not been invoiced so they are not showing up on the report yet. The balance on hand through July 31, 2025 is \$210,713.69.

Moved by Mikus, Supported by Smiley;

CARRIED 5-0: To accept the 2025 Treasurer's Report through July 31, 2025.

Discussion of 2025 Treatments to Date

The Board reviewed the treatment maps that Savin Lake Services provided for treatment in May, June, and July. The BioBase Survey Report was included. It was noted Savin Lake Services will be providing more details at the September meeting.

The Attorney went over the rules of order for the public hearing. The Chair opened the public hearing.

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PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 7:13 PM

1. Luke Shaw, 355 Osprey, Walled Lake- Give us better metrics and goals. His property is in the middle of being hit of being sprayed with all the chemicals. He would like to move from chemical to mechanical treatments.
2. Barth and Susan Plowman, 1255 South Lake Dr, Novi- Were unaware of the Lake Board, composition of board members, how it functions, how the assessments are collected, etc.; Questioned the competitive bidding process and feedback from Savin Lake Services; He is upset that he has to remove the treatment posting notifications on his property.
3. Kenneth Holmes, 905 E Walled Lake, Walled Lake- He thought when the program started it would be a 5-year program; when will we get another vote to get rid of it? He thought originally it was to address the weeds in the center of the lake. It looks like the weeds there have been eradicated; therefore, he doesn't understand why we have weed control going on. He does not recommend moving to mechanical treatments. Please halt weed control for one year. He didn't understand how the units of benefit are assigned, as everyone uses the lake. Everyone should play the exact same. Recommends halting the weed control for a year and see how it goes.
4. Jay ?, 2020 West Lake Drive, Novi (full name not provided)- His comments are regarding two parcels owned by the City of Novi lots ending in -004 and -005 at the corner of West Lake Drive and Penhill; He is concerned about the access to the lake based on the maintenance of the lots.
5. Deborah Holmes, 905 E Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake- We've had the same weed control company for the last 15 years. Have we sought new requests/ proposals from different companies to do this? If not, why not. I think it's time to look at other companies to do this.
6. Mary Waldrup, 339 South Lake Dr, Novi- Public parks are enjoyed by everyone but the Cities of Novi and Walled Lake do not pay. I would like to see the costs be shared by the residents of Novi and Walled Lake who use the parks. The only notice we get about treatment are the signs that are put up around the lake. Limit usage of lake after treatment. Interferes with the enjoyment of the Lake. She feels the subdivisions with access to the lake pay minimal compared to those with lake frontage. We need an indication of what is the end goal, or is this treatment never going to end?
7. Carolyn Foster, 355 Osprey Street, Walled Lake- She is concerned her property is sprayed a lot. She doesn't understand why are we spraying in that area because it's a swamp. She didn't ask for this treatment. I don't understand why you interfering with the vegetation and wildlife there. Stop poisoning us with the chemicals. She wants more transparency and to understand what is the end goal.
8. Tracey Galloway, 1241 East Lake Drive, Novi- Her father helped form the Lake Board 20 years ago because back then it was difficult to get across the lake by boat due to the weeds. Feedback to the Board is to better communicate the health of the lake. When we have a healthy lake, we have better property values.

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9. Gordi Wilson, 1345 E Lake Drive, Novi- the lake was not as nice and weed-free in 1994 when the property values speak for themselves. The dam needs to be addressed. Parks need to contribute. Recommends registration fee for boats.
10. Dean Waldrup, 339 South Lake Dr, Novi- Why are the cities exempt from paying in to this?
11. Adhiti Rajagopal, 120 Welfare Blvd, Walled Lake- Requested postponing the vote to promote more transparency about the Lake Board.

PUBLIC HEARING WAS CLOSED AT 7:41 PM

Attorney Mark Roberts answered the questions that were raised during the public hearing.

Member Mikus went over some ways to keep informed about the Lake Board's activities.

Attorney Mark Roberts entered into the record three written correspondences that the Secretary had received.

Comments submitted in writing:

1. Robb Garner- 1533 West Lake Drive, Novi- Is in support of these activities.
2. Setu Sharma-150 Coalmont, Walled Lake- curious if the assessment pertains to their property they have deeded lake access but not riparian rights.
3. Mark and Diane Saincome- 123 Pickford St, Novi, MI 48377- not in favor as they do not use the lake.

Member Mikus submitted corrections for two Novi parcels that the Novi Assessor Jan Ziozios had found.

Moved by Mikus; Supported by O'Rourke;

CARRIED 5-0: To accept the change to correct the unit of benefit from 0.2 to 1.0 for parcel 50-22-03-201-005.

Miller – Yes

O'Rourke – Yes

Smiley – Yes

Warren – Yes

Mikus – Yes

Moved by Mikus; Supported by Smiley;

CARRIED 5-0: To accept the change to exempt a City of Novi-owned parcel 50-22-03-476-017 from the assessment.

Miller – Yes

O'Rourke – Yes

Smiley – Yes

Warren – Yes

Mikus – Yes

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Moved by Smiley, Supported by O'Rourke;

CARRIED 5-0: To accept the resolution confirming the assessment roll with the two previous amendments, with all other assessments to remain unchanged.

Miller – Yes

O'Rourke – Yes

Smiley – Yes

Warren – Yes

Mikus – Yes

Public Comment

Gordi Wilson, 1345 E Lake Drive, Novi- concerned about the fertilizer runoff from the Maples of Novi golf course. His home is next to the outlet.

Other Business

Member Smiley thanked everyone for coming to voice their questions and concerns.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16 at 2 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the Lake Improvement Board; Member Mikus made a motion to adjourn, supported by O'Rourke. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.



Megan Mikus
Secretary/ Treasurer