

**WALLED LAKE
LAKE IMPROVEMENT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2020**

The meeting of the Lake Improvement Board for Walled Lake was held electronically utilizing the video/audio conferencing platform Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Tina Miller, Chairperson, at 10:05 am.

Present:

Tina Miller, Riparian Owner Representative (Chairperson)
Gwen Markham, Oakland County Board of Commissioner's Representative
Megan Mikus, City of Novi Representative (Secretary-Treasurer)
Karen Warren, Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's Representative

Absent:

Casey Ambrose, City of Walled Lake Representative

Also, Present:

Mark Roberts, Attorney, Secrest Wardle
Mary Ritchie, Appraiser III, Oakland County Equalization

Approval of September 9, 2020 Minutes:

Moved by Markham, Supported by Mikus;

CARRIED 4-0: To approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer/ Member Mikus presented the Treasurer's report. The current balance on hand is \$87,958.26.

Moved by Markham, Supported by Warren;

Miller – Yes

Markham – Yes

Warren – Yes

Mikus – Yes

CARRIED 4-0: To approve the Treasurer's Report.

Consideration of removal of Walled Lake Parcels 92-17-35-328-001 through 92-17-35-328-037 from the 2020-2024 Special Assessment Roll.

Mary Ritchie, Appraiser III with the Oakland County Equalization, which performs the assessing services for the City of Walled Lake, explained Sandra Barlass (City of Walled Lake Finance Director) noticed an error after the September 9, 2020 roll was approved. Parcels 92-17-35-328-001 through 92-17-35-328-037 are now subject to the 2019 City of Walled Lake PUD agreement related to the Beachwood Subdivision, which have surrendered the riparian and lake access rights once associated with their parent parcels; therefore, they should not have been included in the roll.

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Appraiser Ritchie confirmed if these parcels were to be removed, there would be an annual revenue loss of \$706.68 and to total revenue loss of \$3,533.40 over the five-year term. Attorney Roberts confirmed that removing the parcels from the roll would not impact the unit of benefit assessment for all the other parcels. The Lake Board would be covering the revenue loss with reserve funds.

Member Mikus noted she felt while the property owner had the opportunity to object to the assessment through the September public hearing process and did not; she saw this as an administrative oversight when preparing the roll and would support removing these parcels from the roll for this reason.

**Moved by Markham, Supported by Miller;
Markham – Yes
Warren – Yes
Miller – Yes
Mikus - Yes**

CARRIED 4-0: To amend the 2020-2024 Special Assessment Roll that was approved September 9, 2020, to remove the 37 parcels 92-17-35-328-001 through 92-17-35-328-037 that were involved in the PUD development because they are no longer affected by the lake improvement board due to their loss of deeded lake access.

**Discussion of the 2020 Treatment Review and 2020 Water Quality Report
Discussion of 2021 Treatment Recommendations**

Chair Miller noted most of the scores in the Water Quality Report continued to have scores of A and B, which is promising. Member Warren asked Chair Miller as the Riparian Owner Representative if she felt the treatments were effective. Chair Miller sees trends towards improvement or at least stability. Chair Miller and Paul Barber of Savin Lake Services have discussed if there are other treatment options to investigate.

Consideration of renewal with Savin Lake Services for 2021 lake treatment services

Savin Lake Services' contract is up for renewal at the end of 2020. Member Mikus noted she did not see the fee had not changed from 2020.

Treasurer/ Member Mikus requested the payment terms be amended from 30 days of treatment to 60 days upon receipt of an invoice as it can take the City of Novi that long due the warrant process. The motion maker, Member Markham, accepted this amendment.

**Moved by Markham, Supported by Miller;
Markham – Yes
Warren – Yes
Miller – Yes
Mikus – Yes**

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CARRIED 4-0: To approve the proposed lake management services contract from Savin Lake Services for one year through December 31, 2021, with payment terms amended changed from 30 days to 60 days.

Approval of 2021 Budget

Treasurer Mikus presented the proposed budget based on revenue projected from the Novi and Walled Lake September 9, 2020 approved roll. The annual revenue assessed for the City of Walled Lake would be \$706.68 less based on the removal of the 37 parcels earlier in the meeting. The difference between the revenue and expenditures would be offset by funding in reserves.

Moved by Markham Supported by Miller;

Markham – Yes

Warren – Yes

Miller – Yes

Mikus – Yes

CARRIED 4-0: To accept the 2021 proposed annual budget modified to remove the parcels in Walled Lake from the assessment that we agreed to earlier in the meeting.

Paul Barber from Savin Lake Services joined the meeting at 10:45 am.

Attorney Mark Roberts and Appraiser Mary Ritchie left the meeting at 10:50 am.

Member Warren left the meeting at 11:00 am.

Other Business:

Chair Tina Miller and Paul Barber from Savin Lake Services talked more in-depth about other treatment options they had been investigating, such as Procellacor. Member Markham recommended Savin Lake Services explore other treatment options and present them to the Board in 2021.

Public Comment:

No members of the public commented.

Public Comment Ended.

ADJOURNMENT: There being was no further business to come before the Lake Improvement Board; Member Mikus made a motion to adjourn, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.



Megan Mikus
Secretary/ Treasurer