

Goguac Lake Board Meeting Minutes
Department of Public Works
Room 204

December 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Ron Smith; Mark Behnke; Al Morehart; John Avery

Board Members Absent: Geradyne Drozdowski

Others Present: Nelson Karre (attorney); Patty Hoch-Melluish, City Environmental; Luke Aaron, Progressive Companies; Hailee Lamorandier, Progressive Companies

Call to Order: Avery called meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: Smith moved to approve the September 12, 2024 minutes. Behnke seconded. All yes, motion carried.

Financial Report: Smith moved to approve the December 12, 2024 financials. Drozdowski seconded. All yes, motion carried.

Progressive Companies monitoring/vegetation treatment 2024: Luke and Hailee discussed the 2024 monitoring and treatments. All were happy with the results of the 2024 vegetation management. Total of four surveys and seven treatments. EGLE permits now allow for lily pad treatments of 40'x40' per each developed shoreline property. Water quality continues to be good in the lake based on spring and summer profiles. Chloride and phosphorus levels are quite low for an urban lake – which is great. Columbia Avenue stormwater diversion has likely helped with this, as has the ban on phosphorus fertilizers.

Goose control was discussed. Luke said that there is a new pilot program for 2025 with the USDA. Permits will be \$100 and the USDA will provide hunters to remove geese. The GLB is very interested, but details will need to be worked out regarding the use of GLB funds (is this “weed control”) or if it would be better to involve the Goguac Lake Association for this management activity. The \$100 permit fee would be in addition to the cost of the hunters’ time. The cost is unknown at this time. Luke will provide additional information to the Board.

2025 Meeting Dates, 4 pm, Department of Public Works:

The Board approved the following meeting dates-

- March 13
- June 12
- September 11
- December 11

Public Comments: None

Board Member Comments: The Board thanked Ron Smith for his time and service to the group as the Water Resources Commissioner. His term ends on December 31, 2024.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, March 13, 2025 p.m. DPW Room 204, 150 S. Kendall St., Battle Creek, MI.