



**INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES  
October 18, 2023**

The Annual Meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project’s Membership was held Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at Indian Lake Community Church Lighthouse. The meeting was held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors Meeting. President Tom Langhals called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M., by introducing all ILWP Board Members and welcoming special guests and ILWP members in attendance.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Tom Langhals	President
Dustin Wickersham	President-elect
Sharon DeVault	Treasurer
Brenda Crabtree	Member
Kay Daugherty	Member
Frank Dietz	Member
Frank Giannola	Member
Dave Helgeson	Member
Sandy Helgeson	Member
Darlene Shick	Member
Gary Shick	Member
Steve Terrill	Member

**Approval of Minutes**

Dustin Wickersham moved to approve the October 19, 2022, Indian Lake Watershed Project Annual Meeting minutes. Gary Shick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Helgeson moved to approve the September 20, 2023, regular meeting minutes. Brenda Crabtree seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report**

Steve Terrill moved to approve the September 20, 2023, financial statement presented. Frank Dietz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**CURRENT BILLS**

**NASHVILLE HITMAKERS**

Cardmember Services – Xtreme Lima	\$1,338.78
Oasis Drive Thru – Songwriters	\$ 348.80
Sandy Helgeson – September Cell Phone	\$ 49.77
Fion Wine Room – Corporate Event	\$ 600.91
Bellefontaine Examiner – advertising	\$ 581.84
Storm Piano Tuning – piano	\$ 150.00

Elle.A.Design – design work	\$1,819.00
Even Stevens – songwriters expenses	\$ 293.45
Sandy Helgeson – songwriters expenses	\$ 162.72
IL Shoppers Edge – advertising	\$ 250.00

#### MONITORING

Cardmember Services– Brookside Laboratories – chemical testing	\$ 660.00
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#### OPERATING

Bellefontaine Examiner – advertising	\$ 194.84
IL Community Church – Security Deposit for Annual Meeting	\$ 250.00
Cardmember Services	\$ 53.63
QuickBooks	\$32.18
Mailchimp	\$21.45
Logan SWCD – September rent	\$ 281.39
US Bank – printer lease	\$ 801.76
September Usage	\$780.83
Overage	\$ 20.83

Berrini & Associates, LLC – Professional consulting services from July 1, 2023 – September 9, 2023 to develop a Preliminary Dredging Plan for Indian Lake	\$5,500.00
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Frank Dietz moved to approve the list of current bills as presented. Gary Shick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF INVITED GUESTS**

Board Member Kay Daugherty recognized the special guests in attendance:

Indian Lake State Park Manager Heidi Whitman and staff

ODNR Representatives Sarah Macy and Josh Gardner

Russells Point Mayor Robin Reames

Stokes Township Trustees Orville Wickersham and Steve Terrill

Logan County Commissioner Mike Yoder

Individuals receiving Special Recognition were presented a personalized copy of the Postcards of Indian Lake for their dedication to Improving the Water Quality of Indian Lake:

Brenda Crabtree, Sharon DeVault, Sandy Helgeson, Tom Langhals, Dustin Wickersham, Shoreline Construction and Woody's Diner

Most importantly was the support of our State Legislators Jon Cross and Tim Barhorst during the biennium budget process this past year. Plaques were presented to each them for their continued support of our endeavors.

The Staff of Spend-A-Day Marina were also recognized for their continued support of our organization not only this past year but for many years prior.

## **YEAR IN REVIEW**

President –elect Dustin Wickersham presented an overview of the past year’s accomplishments and projects of the Indian Lake Watershed Project.

This past year the Indian Lake Watershed Project lost a dedicated member/board member. Don Spath was a very involved member of the organization having served on the board of directors for many years. His dedication to the improvement of the water quality of the Indian Lake even branched out to conservation practices on his own farm which was located along the South Fork of the Great Miami River. Don will be greatly missed.

One of the programs of great importance that the ILWP continues to do is the Water Quality Monitoring Program. Testing continue to be done at several locations around the lake. The samples are tested for harmful algal bloom (HAB) and chemical testing especially for phosphorous. Samples are sent to Brookside Labs in New Bremen. The phosphorous levels were slightly elevated because of the decaying aquatic plants from the chemical spraying program that was being done to control the aquatic weeds this year.

In March of this past year the ILWP Dredge Planning Commission was organized to address the development of a dredge plan for Indian Lake. In June the Commission recommended the hiring of Berrini and Associates, LLC collecting data from a sediment depth survey that would provide the needed data for the development of the dredge plan. The cost of the process would be \$30,000-\$50,000. In May ILWP awarded two scholarships to Indian Lake graduating seniors majoring in the agriculture field. Nashville Hitmakers awarded a scholarship to an Indian Lake graduating senior majoring in the music field.

In August 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Nashville Hitmakers Concert was held at the Indian Lake High School Auditorium. The date has already been set for the 2024 concert – August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars! A Memo of Understanding with Ohio Department of Natural Resources was signed for an H2Ohio Grant that will focus on the construction of wetlands in the state park campgrounds. Civil Environmental Consultants was hired to oversee the project. Additional projects are in the planning the planning stages for 2024.

## **FEATURED SPEAKER**

Dr. Jennifer Jones, Restorative Lake Sciences, presented the findings from the 2023 activities of the Aquatic Weed Program. What a difference a year has made with partners from ODNR, ILWP, Indian Lake Riparian, Trace Analytical Labs, and Ohio EPA.

The depth of the lake ranged from 4.5 ft. to 16.0 ft. with shoreline length of 41.2 miles not including the islands. With the islands the shoreline length is 67.9 miles. A blue green algae bloom was evident during the course of the testing season. Native plants are coming back by the management of the “bad stuff”. Invasive hydrocotyle was found this year. Less than 23 acres of milfoil and pondweed were discovered this year. By harvesting the pondweed it decreases the seed pods and keeps it off the bottom of the lake and can’t regenerate. Contrail is now the predominant plant. Most of the sediment is inorganic and dissolved oxygen level is low because of plant die off. Boat washing stations is still a much needed practice. The cost per station is \$20,000 - \$40,000 each. A complete detailed report will be posted on the Indian Lake-ODNR website.

A question/answer session followed Dr. Jones presentation.

Thank you to all for your interest and attendance.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dustin Wickersham and seconded by Frank Giannola to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

The next regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors meeting will be held 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 15, 2022, at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building.