



INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
September 18, 2024

The regularly scheduled September meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project was held Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose Building. President Dustin Wickersham called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Board Members in Attendance:

Dustin Wickersham	President
Sharon DeVault	Treasurer
Kay Daugherty	Member
Frank Giannola	Member
Dave Helgeson	Member
Sandy Helgeson	Member
Tom Langhals	Member
Gary Shick	Member

Approval of Minutes

Gary Shick moved to approve the August 21, 2024, minutes as mailed. Dave Helgeson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Tom Langhals moved to approve the September 18, 2024, financial report as presented. Sharon DeVault seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Dave Helgeson moved to approve the list of bills for the month of September as presented. Gary Shick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL

General Operating

Logan SWCD – Rent August	\$ 289.83
Logan SWCD – printer lease (new printer) August 18-September 18	\$ 130.48
Community Storage – Storage Unit – September	\$ 74.00
Elan Financial	\$ 37.54
Office Supplies – QuickBooks-online	\$ 37.54
Attention Getters	
Elle A. Design – design work	\$ 526.00
Elan Financial – Mailchimp	\$ 20.00
TD&H – Legal Services	
By-Law Revisions/Tax Exempt Form Questions	\$ 412.50
Dustin Wickersham – reimbursement for supplies for Fall Festival	\$ 62.00

SEPTEMBER BILLS NEEDING APPROVAL – con’t**Contract Services**

Victoria Boots – 22.0 hrs. – 8-21 – 9-17 @ \$30/hr. \$ 660.00
 Board Meeting Prep, General administrative duties, Nashville Hitmakers administrative work

Nashville Hitmakers

IL Shopper’s Edge – August 2 and August 9 ads (\$200.00/ea.)	\$ 400.00
Elan Financial Services	\$1,136.87
Dr. A.T. Hodge – Limo Services	\$892.50
IL Outfitters – Songwriters’ Gifts	\$ 75.08
Family Dollar – Songwriters’ Gifts	\$ 18.37
Community Markets – Food for Cottage	\$150.92
Sandy Helgeson - Reimbursement	\$1,358.38
Songwriters Airline Tix	\$1,141.88
Gift Card for Brenda Moots Holder	\$204.95
Concert Stage Supplies	\$ 11.55
Elle A. Design – Design/Website Work 1-15 – 8-19-2024	\$1,712.00
Fion – corporate event expense – beverages	\$ 472.41
Indian Lake Schools – custodial services for concert	\$ 305.34
Tributary Model	
EnviroScience, Inc. – Fee for Period-data collection	\$5,073.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nashville Hitmakers – The 2024 Nashville Hitmakers Final Report was presented to board members along with a copy of the 2023 Final Report. Comparing the two reports showed an increase in the amount of sponsorships received from \$48,600.00 in 2023 to \$60,400.00 for 2024. This significant increase was the reason for the increase in overall net profit after management fees for 2024 in the amount of \$40,885.79 compared to the overall net profit after management fees for 2023 in the amount of \$34,281.10 - another successful event. A decision regarding the investment of the profits into the Endowment Fund will be made at a future board meeting. The decision was made that the 2025 concert will be advertised as the 13th and FINAL concert. Event Manager Sandy Helgeson will contact O’Connor’s for cottage availability for 2025 to determine next year’s concert date.

Dredge Planning Working Group – The data that has been collected to date will be loaded onto the ILWP website under the Dredge Planning tab. The legality matter of data protection has been presented to attorneys at Thompson, Dunlap and Heydinger, LLC. for their determination before it is uploaded to the website. We are awaiting final word before the data is uploaded for public viewing. Daniel Schweitzer, EnviroScience contact, will provide a final report on the data collection project at the ILWP Annual Meeting scheduled for October 16th.

Membership – A Fall Newsletter edition is nearing completion and will be mailed to the 2023 and 2024 ILWP membership lists. The overall goal for mailing of the newsletter is the end of October. Notices for the upcoming ILWP 2024 Annual Meeting will be mailed out to the 2023 and 2024 Membership mailing lists along with a notice of 2025 Membership Renewal. The notices must be mailed out no later than 10 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th. A volunteer group will be meeting to accomplish the task of folding, stuffing and labeling. Individuals will be notified of the date.

Monitoring – Monitoring Chairperson and ILWP Board Member Sharon DeVault reported that materials for the 2024 HAB Testing program were never received from WMAO/OLMS. Therefore, there were no samples collected during the Monitoring season. ODNR has been collecting samples and has agreed to provide testing results to ILWP for the 2024 season. Those results will also be posted on the ODNR/Indian Lake State Park website.

OLD BUSINESS

By-Laws revision Final Approval – ILWP Board members were presented with the revisions to the current ILWP By-Laws that were recommended by the By-Law Revision Committee. After review of those recommendations Kay Daugherty moved to accept the changes to the current by-laws as presented. Gary Shick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. A major topic of discussion - the section titled “Board Member Attendance Policy” needs attention.

Indian Lake State Park Fall Festival – Sign-up/Details – President Dustin Wickersham reported that we are in great need of help to man the ILWP display at the upcoming Indian Lake State Park Fall Festival that is scheduled for September 20 – 22. The decision was made to pop popcorn and distribute to attendees. The popcorn will be distributed in bags with the ILWP logo and information on them. Bob Weiner will be available to assist with the process of popping the popcorn. Board members and volunteers are asked to be at the state park multi-purpose building Friday, September 20th, 9:00 A.M. to assist with setting up and again at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 21st to assist with popping popcorn and distributing to attendees-a perfect avenue of personally getting the word out about our organization.

ILWP Annual Meeting – October 16th – Board Member Steve Terrill has agreed to be the chairperson for this year’s ILWP Annual Meeting committee. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at the Indian Lake Community Church Lighthouse. As previously mentioned notices will be mailed out no later than 10 days prior to the meeting date per the requirements of the ILWP By-Laws. ILWP member Steve Reid has agreed to provide IT services for the night. Volunteers will be needed to assist with set up and clean up for the evening. Those individuals will be notified of their respective duties.

NEW BUSINESS

Watershed Tributary Macroinvertebrate Sampling Project – Noah Ganson, volunteer through the Mad River Stream Monitoring Project and employee of Stokes Township, presented a review of the project that is currently being conducted in 8 different locations along the Mad River. These sites are sampled for water quality with the use of kick nets and dip nets. The types of macroinvertebrates collected help determine the water quality of that specific location. Noah would like to get a program like this established in the tributaries of Indian Lake to help determine the water quality entering Indian Lake from those locations. However, volunteers are needed to assist with this project and get it off the ground. A motion was made Frank Giannola and seconded by Gary Shick for ILWP to assist with such a program to help inform individuals of the water quality of our tributaries and assist with the location of water quality issues before entering the lake. Motion passed unanimously. Details regarding the project will be project for the upcoming winter months to be able to have it ready for spring activities,

ODNR Update – State Park representatives reported that they are in the final preparation stages for the upcoming Fall Festival that will be held in the coming weekend.

A suggestion was made that an update to the existing State Park Helicopter Pad located between State Route 366 and US Route 33 be investigated. The possibility of implementing a Native Prairie planting was a suggestions that would improve the aesthetics of the location to the general public.

A motion was made by Sandy Helgeson and seconded by Dave Helgeson to enter into Executive Session at 5:56 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tom Langhals and seconded by Frank Giannola to come out of Executive Session at 6:15 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Gary Shick moved to adjourn the meeting. Kay Daugherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors meeting will the ILWP Annual Meeting to be held 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at the Indian Lake Community Church Lighthouse, 121 S. Orchard Island Rd.; Russells Point, Ohio 43348.