



**INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MINUTES**  
May 27, 2015

The Indian Lake Watershed Project Board of Directors met May 27, 2015, at the Indian Lake State Park office, Lakeview, Ohio. President Don Eggenschwiller called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Don Eggenschwiller	President
Jim Ellington	President-elect
Dave Leiter	Secretary/Treasurer
Chris Clark	Member
Kay Daugherty	Member
Sharon DeVault	Member
Frank Dietz	Member
Dale Frymyer	Member
Dave Helgeson	Member
Cliff Hoenie	Member
Jeff Keirns	Member
Frank Phelps	Member
Nancy Roellig	Member
Angie Szaruga	Member
Steve Terrill	Member
Don Thompson	Member
Gabe Wickline	Member

The following individuals were also present:

Sandy Helgeson	Nashville Hitmakers Event Manager
Ben Pile	ILWP Member
George Sholtis	Indian Lake State Park Manager
Vicky Boots	Executive Director

Frank Dietz moved to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2015, meeting as mailed. Kay Daugherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank Phelps moved the financial statement for the time period, be approved as presented. Gabe Wickline seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Ellington moved the bills for the time period be approved and paid as presented. Steve Terrill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**PAID BILLS****PRINTER LEASE/MAINTENANCE**

**US Bancorp Equipment Finance – March** **\$1,377.00**

**CURRENT BILLS****OFFICE SUPPLIES**

**Cardmember Services (credit card)** **\$ 15.99**

**Stamps.com – equipment** **\$ 15.99**

**RENT**

**Logan SWCD – April** **\$ 250.00**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FUND RAISER** – Nashville Hitmakers Event Manager Sandy Helgeson reported that the rolling Comstor employees will be moving the ILWP/Nashville Hitmakers rolling billboard from its current location along US 68 south of Bellefontaine to its new location at Old Field Beach for the month of June. The beginning of July it will be moved to the Indian Lake High School where it will remain until the concert, July 25<sup>th</sup>. The final line up has been set. This year’s songwriters are Even Stevens, Wendell Mobley, Kendall Marvel, Mike Loudermilk, Mike Joyce, Casey Beathard, and Wynn Varbel. Sorry guys no female artists this year! The Pre-Show dinner will be held off site this year at Mimi’s at the Lake in Russells Point. The dinner will be held from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The doors at the schools will not open until 6:30 PM. To date \$36,000 in monetary and in-kind sponsorships have been pledged/received. Ticket sales have been going very well. Board members interested in attending the event are encouraged to get their tickets reserved ASAP.

**2015 ILWP ANNUAL MEETING/RECOGNITION BANQUET** – The 2015 ILWP Annual Meeting/Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the event will be on the celebration of ILWP’s 25 years of existence and accomplishments. Various caterers were suggested as possibilities for the night. Executive Director Vicky Boots will be making contacts and reporting at the June board meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RAIN GARDEN PROJECT UPDATE** – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that no progress has been made regarding the design and construction of the Indian Lake State Park Rain Garden project due to the workload of the Logan Soil and Water’s District Technician Steve Searson. This spring has seen an increase in the design and installation of waterways throughout the county. Many area farmers are trying to get these installed before the planting season to allow waterway seedings to get established before the harvest and winter weather arrives. Executive Director Vicky Boots and Steve will be making a visit to the site to GPS the area and get the information needed to develop a construction plan. Steve will design the rain garden utilizing the Natural Resource Conservation Service recommended specifications. Once this process is completed construction work will begin. Our goal is to have completed before August.

**STATE LINE ITEM FUNDING UPDATE** – Board member Kevin Braig testified before the Senate Finance/Budget committee recently to provide members information regarding the importance of the funding for Indian Lake Watershed Project. Kevin stressed that ILWP remains focused on the continued improvement of the water quality of Indian Lake and its tributaries to

allow future generations the opportunity to enjoy our natural resource for years to come. He also informed the committee that Indian Lake is at the headwaters of the Great Miami River and a major aquifer that is a major source for drinking water for individuals in the cities of Troy, Piqua, Dayton and points southward to the Ohio River. What we do locally to address water quality greatly impacts many individuals and businesses in that area. The ILWP's funding request for \$125,000 remained in the House of Representatives version of the FY 2016 Biennium budget that was sent to the Senate. We now await the results of the Senate's vote and on to the Governor's signing of the budget before it becomes "official" that we survived the process. A big "Thank you" to Kevin for being our eyes and ears at the state level. Stay tuned for further updates.

**WAYNESFIELD/GOSHEN NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS** – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that May 8<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Waynesfield-Goshen 4<sup>th</sup> grade students visited Indian Lake State Park and participated in the ILWP Nature Center Program. The students were educated about the importance of wetlands in our environment, watersheds, macroinvertebrates and their significance in determining water quality, and litter prevention and recycling. This year we experienced great weather with temperatures in the upper 80's both days allowing the students to really get wet and muddy during the outdoor wetland monitoring sessions! Kiser Lake Naturalist Deb Barger provided leadership for the indoor sessions that focused on macroinvertebrate identification. The critters were viewed under a microscope. Students were then able to determine the water quality of the water sources by the types of macroinvertebrates that were observed. The use of the enviroscape provided a visual regarding the effects of various practices/activities that impact water quality. Teachers, students and chaperones enjoyed the event.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**GORDON NEUFANG MEMORIAL DONATIONS** – Word has been received that longtime lake resident and fellow board member Gordon Neufang passed away from complications following a stroke. Gordon will long be remembered for his witty comments, love of the lake and his carving talents. Many individuals have been recipients of his talents in the form of his duck carvings. Gordon furnished many of his ducks as items for our auctions at various ILWP fund raiser. Per the wishes of Gordon's family in lieu of flowers memorial donations were to be made to the Indian Lake Watershed Project. Because of Gordon's lifelong commitment to education, Frank Phelps moved any donations received in memory of Gordon be deposited into the Indian Lake Watershed Project's Scholarship Fund. Cliff Hoenie seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Donors will receive a letter acknowledging their donation. Gordon's family will be notified of the individuals who have made such donations. In appreciation for his dedication to the Indian Lake Watershed Project organization Frank Dietz moved that \$50 be transferred from the General Fund to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Gordon. Kay Daugherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**INDIAN LAKE FIREWORKS FUND** – It is summertime and plans are well underway for this year's Indian Lake July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities. Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce is again requesting donations to help with the purchase of the fireworks that will be used for this year's event. Dave Leiter moved that ILWP contribute \$500 to the Indian Lake Fireworks Fund. This amount is the same amount that has been donated in previous years. Cliff Hoenie seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**2015 HAB WATER SAMPLING** – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that she has been contacted by Ohio Lake Management Society regarding the participation in the Harmful Algal

Bloom (HAB) Monitoring Program for 2015. The sampling costs remain the same as last year (\$110-\$90 per sample depending on the type of testing results requested). Board members recognize the importance of this information regarding the harmful algal bloom levels during the busy summer season. Therefore, Chris Clark moved that the ILWP enter into contract with the Ohio Lake Management Society's Harmful Algal Bloom Monitoring program for 2015 summer season. Nancy Roellig seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Vicky will complete the contract and return to Ohio Lake Management Society. Board member Betty Lyle will be responsible for collecting the samples and mailing them to the designated lab.

STATE PARK UPDATE – Indian Lake State Park Manager George Sholtis reported that:

- Dredge is back up and running – lifting cylinder malfunctioned and needed to be repaired
- The first application of aquatic spraying is to be completed on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The spraying will be in the same areas as before on the main part of the lake
- State Park was in great shape for Memorial Day weekend – campground was full
- Still need to fill 2 vacancies for Maintenance staff employees
- Signs are being redone over the course of the summer
- All future funding projects on hold till results of Biennium budget is known
- Indian Lake State Park has its own Facebook Page (one with the cardinal on the homepage)
- The current budget is good and allowing possible purchase of new mower, stock piling of plumbing parts for future use
- Working on buoy placement project – 170 buoys to place
- All Docks are full

The next official ILWP Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 9:30 A.M. at the Indian Lake State Park office.

Steve Terrill moved the meeting be adjourned. Angie Szaruga seconded. Motion passed unanimously.