



**INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MINUTES**  
**May 24, 2017**

The Indian Lake Watershed Project Board of Directors met May 24, 2017, at the Indian Lake State Park Campground's Multi-Purpose building. President Sharon DeVault called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Sharon DeVault	President
Dave Leiter	Secretary/Treasurer
Kay Daugherty	Member
Don Eggenschwiller	Member
Dave Helgeson	Member
Pat O'Donnell	Member
Nancy Roellig	Member
Charlie Strete	Member

The following individuals were also present:

George Sholtis	Indian Lake State Park Manager
John Coleman	ILWP Member/Resident
Ben Pile	ILWP Member/Resident
Vicky Boots	Executive Director

Pat O'Donnell moved to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2017, meeting as mailed. Charlie Strete seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Leiter moved the financial statement for the time period ending May 24, 2017, be approved as presented. Kay Daugherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The list of bills was presented to board members for approval. Pat O'Donnell moved the list of bills for the time period be approved and paid. Kay Daugherty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**CURRENT BILLS**

**MEMBERSHIP MAILINGS/POSTAGE**

**Cardmember Services – postage meter** **\$ 15.99**

**PRINTER**

**US Bancorp Equipment Finance –** **\$ 766.67**

**Monthly Charge** **\$1,150.00**

**Logan SWCD reimbursement** **(383.33)**

**RENT**

**Logan SWCD – May** **\$ 250.00**

## **NASHVILLE HITMAKERS**

<b>Sandy Helgeson – reimbursement for expenses</b>	<b>\$1,664.07</b>
<b>Verizon Wireless – cell phone for ticket sales usage</b>	<b>\$ 144.32</b>
<b>Southwest Airlines – Flight reservations for songwriters</b>	<b>\$1,519.75</b>

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FUND RAISER** – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that the sponsorship campaign is winding down and ticket sales are about to begin. The final draft of the 2017 poster is ready to be sent to the printer. We are hoping to have posters out by July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Details are being worked out for this year's Corporate Reception at Longview Cove. Volunteers are needed to pick up food in the afternoon on Friday. If you can help, please let Sandy or Vicky know. The Indian Lake High School Wrestlers are being contacted to pick up tables from the Indian Lake Community Church, deliver and set up at Longview Cove on Friday and return the tables to the church on Saturday morning. Frank Dietz will make contact and report at next board meeting. We will be purchasing additional chicken wings from Woody's in addition to those that are being donated to ensure we have ample food for everyone.

**INDIAN LAKE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – ILWP Legislative Committee Representative Sharon DeVault reported that there is no Legislative Committee meeting scheduled for May or June. The next meeting is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Power Boat Races at Indian Lake this year due to lack of funding.

**WATERSHED ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE** – There was no Watershed Action Plan Committee meeting in May. Future meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Word has been received that current President-elect Steve Terrill has asked to be relieved of his duties as 2017 President-elect because of his involvement with the current Logan County Opioid problem. Steve has been devoting much of his time to try to help the county address the current drug problem and does not feel he can fulfill his commitment to the Indian Lake Watershed Project. Per the Indian Lake Watershed Project By-laws the current President-elect is to assume the office of President in the following year. Therefore, we are needing to replace him in the not so distant future. The committee will be contacting some potential replacements in the next month. If you have any suggestions for someone to replace Steve, please contact Vicky at the office. An e-mail will be sent out to board members requesting their input.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE** – Members of the Indian Lake Watershed Project Executive Director Search Committee recently met to discuss the process to replace current Executive Director Vicky Boots who will be officially retiring December 31, 2017. (YES it will happen this year!!) The current committee which consists of Co-Chairmen Frank Dietz and Gabe Wickline and current ILWP President Sharon DeVault along with Executive Director Vicky Boots discussed methods of advertising the position. It was decided to post the position in various newspapers throughout the state as well as advertising on the All Ohio website which reaches all the Natural Resource Conservation Services and Soil and Water Conservation District offices in the state. The overall goal is to have an individual hired by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee will be expanded to include other board members.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**NAME THE NEW DREDGE** – Indian Lake State Park Manager George Sholtis informed board members that the “Eagle” name selection for the new dredge that was approved at the April board meeting is already in use. Therefore, a new name must be chosen. After much discussion “Scout” was chosen as our second choice. George will contact Tom Grabow with our suggestion.

**WAYNESFIELD-GOSHEN NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS** – Executive Director Vicky Boots with the assistance of Board Member Sharon DeVault and Kiser Lake State Park Naturalist Deb Barger conducted two Nature Center sessions with Waynesfield-Goshen 4<sup>th</sup> grade students on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 40 students along with their teachers and parents participated. The classes were separated into 2 equal sized groups who participated in classroom and outdoor wetland monitoring sessions. The classroom sessions viewed macroinvertebrate samples under microscopes. From these samples students were able to determine the water quality of the stream/wetland where they were collected. Macroinvertebrates identification is broken into 3 different groups ranging from those who can only survive in clean water, tolerate some pollution, or can live in polluted water. They were also taught the effects of pollution on water quality through the aid of the Enviroscope. They learned about Litter and Prevention and its role in a watershed and its effect on water quality. In the outdoor wetland monitoring session, the students received information about the history of Indian Lake, the importance of wetlands in providing flood control for the campground, and wetland plant identification. They also got to get “down and dirty” by dipping for macroinvertebrates in the wetland. It was amazing to see the students’ and even the adults’ reactions to the critters that were found in their dip nets. Very educational not only for them but for us instructors!! Always a rewarding experience for everyone involved!

**RAIN GARDEN** – Executive Director Vicky Boots informed board members that a “Clean up” date will be scheduled as soon as the water has drained from the rain garden site. An e-mail will be sent to inform board members of date and time. Anyone who can or is willing is more than welcome to come and help. She also reported that she has been researching different types of plants to replace those that did not survive the wet conditions. Types of plants that can withstand standing water will have more of a chance of survival.

**STATE FUNDING MEETING WITH REP. PELANDA** – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that she has been in contact with Todd Thatcher, Aide to Rep. Pelanda, to reschedule a meeting with her to discuss our funding “plan of attack”. To date he has not responded. She will be following up with him again. The budget process is in the Senate at the present time. We did not survive the House version. It was inserted but removed with no reason provided for the removal. We have been informed that Sen. Huffman has been working for us in the Senate and has our request inserted into the Senate’s version. More information will be provided to board members as it becomes available.

**FLOATING TREATMENT WETLAND** – Executive Director Vicky Boots reported that Kelly Crout from Butler Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been contacted regarding equipment and supplies for the Floating Treatment Wetland project. Butler SWCD has agreed to donate the 4’ x 8’ mat that will be used for the floating wetland to ILWP. However, they do not have any of the anchors or cable that are needed. A contact at Mercer SWCD was provided as a source for anchors and cable. Vicky has been researching types of plants and possible suppliers for the project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

STATE PARK UPDATE – State Park Manager George Sholtis reported the following:

- Everything going well at state park this season. Greatest crew he has ever had with excellent work ethic
- Swimming pool project on target. He recently received training on pumps and pool maintenance
- Great group of volunteers working this year. They have repaired over 40 picnic tables
- Indian Lake High School Seniors picked up trash at the state park for their “Senior Days” project
- Entrance signs have been enhanced with flower beds thanks to ILDC and Charlie’s Crew
- Dog park completed and dedication is being planned – more information will be provided when date has been determined
- Playground equipment at Blackhawk to be installed after Memorial Day
- Painting and maintenance are an ongoing project

DREDGE UPDATE – Dredge Maintenance Supervisor Tom Grabow, who was not able to attend the board meeting, provided the following updates:

- The Chief dredge is operating in the back side of Moundwood Channel. Repairs that were done over the winter have so far solved the problems with the dredge that were occurring last season.
- Spent the last 3 weeks removing debris and trees from the lake
- Chippewa DMRA under construction
- Will be conducting Job interviews for 2 Dredge positions on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> for Indian Lake
- New Dredge is being constructed by Pioneer (delivery date is early July)
- Very close on the agreement with Manchester Farm for 20 acres to construct a DMRA at the site
- O’Connor’s DMRA construction to begin soon
- Aqua Doc will start vegetation treatment on Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Weed Harvester to begin operating week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>

The next regularly scheduled ILWP Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28th, 2017, 9:30 A.M. at the Indian Lake State Park Multi-Purpose building located at the State Park Campground.

Kay Daugherty moved the meeting be adjourned. Nancy Roellig seconded. Motion passed unanimously.