

**LAKE CARMEL PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Meeting Minutes October 16, 2016**  
**Town of Kent Town Hall**

**VISUAL ROLL CALL:** 7:01 PM

**Present:**

Cathy Wargas  
Kathy Wiede  
Pat Madigan  
William Morris  
Brett Harrison  
Rachael Paradise

(Dale Cusack attended) Amended at Nov. meeting

**Absent:**

Liaison Councilman Denbaum (see note below)

Minutes from the September meeting were unanimously approved.

**New Business:**

1. Lake docks: There was a discussion of the current docks on Lake Carmel. One dock at the southern end of the lake must be removed, preferably prior to the lake icing over this winter. This will be put on a priority list for Town Board approval.
2. Newsletter: Brett and Rachael are working on putting a community newsletter together. The goal is for it to be produced bi-monthly. It will be distributed via email, Town Hall lobby, Senior Citizen meetings, and Gino's, to begin with. Wally mentioned creating a constant contact account for this purpose.
3. Roadside signs: A discussion of the non-political signs that continue to appear in the lake community was held. Wally informed the committee that he has been assigned the intersection of Route 52 and Route 311 free of all illegal signage. No signs are allowed on any Lake Carmel-owned lakefront property.
4. Retention Pond: It was decided to hold off on contacting Cornell Extension for plant identification at the retention ponds. It was reported by Brett that East of Hudson was creating a maintenance plan and Brett had been informed that the Town Highway Supervisor said all maintenance would be completed by November 30, 2016. The committee would contact Cornell Extension for analysis of plantings after the clean-up.

Brett has requested that he be notified when the maintenance would occur so he can be present in order to learn more about the process. He was told this would happen.

Brett has requested, in writing, past retention pond inspection reports on two occasions, but has not received a reply.

5. There was a discussion regarding the upkeep of all 7 beaches. It was unanimously agreed that the following actions will be forwarded to the Town Board for completion next spring:
  - a) Paint swing set supports
  - b) Hang the swings April through October
  - c) Cut grass on ALL beaches
  - d) Paint the storage buildings on ALL beaches
  - e) Dump fresh sand on ALL beaches, including Beach 5's volleyball area
  - f) Paint lifeguard chairs on Beaches 2,3, 4 & 7
  - g) Pain wooden sign frame on ALL beaches

The removal of the lifeguard chairs at Beaches 5 & 6 was tabled for further consideration.

6. Tree removal along Lake Carmel shoreline: Numerous bids were received. All were within the range of \$25,000 - \$30,000. It was reported that the bids were made based on a per-tree bases (35 trees) and not a lot job. The budget current allows for \$13,000.

Brett reported that there is a DEC grant program for replanting trees - matching up to \$10,000, for urban areas. The grant requires submission of a maintenance schedule. He will look into this further to determine if Lake Carmel might qualify for such a grant.

7. A Lake Carmel citizen in attendance asked about having an old, out-of-use oil tank, on the property of Arts on the Lake removed. He was advised to contact the landlord of the property.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29.

**Additional Note:** Although the committee had not been notified that the budget hearing for Lake Carmel was scheduled for the same night and time as the lake meeting, Pat Madigan and Rachael Paradise attended at the last minute. Supervisor Fleming, Councilmen Denbaum, Chin and Huestis were present with the Town Accountant. After discussion it was agreed that funding would be set-aside to purchase swings and picnic tables for the beaches. Pat and Rachael rejoined the committee meeting after the budget discussion.