

LAKE CARMEL PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES - May 8, 2017
Town of Kent Town Hall

Visual Roll Call: 7:08 p.m.

Present:

Kathy Wiede
Brett Harrison
William Morris
Pat Madigan
Rachael Paradise

Absent:

Cathy Vargas
Dale Cusack
Liaison Paul Denbaum

Minutes of April 17, 2017 were unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION

Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer

The Highway Department has been working to determine the road repair needs in town. Kent has the second most road miles in the county and there are a number of roads that need repairs. The department's main goal is to hit main arteries first. The town received several grants for repairs in Western Kent where several roads were in serious disrepair. A Cornell engineering intern rated the roads in Kent last summer. There is \$600,000 that has been earmarked for paving with Lake Carmel receiving 80-85% of the work. Plans are in place for 1.1 miles of road reclamation from North Terry Hill to Echo Road. The road will be retrofired and regraded to a proper pitch. Of the \$600,000, Mr. Othmer would like to keep \$50,000 in reserve for future needs.

Currently, the Highway Department has six summer helpers and a dedicated tree crew (NYSEG is responsible for trees on certain roads within the town). There is a lot of work going on this year in Lake Carmel. Much of which will take place once school is out. Mr. Othmer said he has been trying to put together records and files so future superintendents know when everything was done. The department has acquired 30 new pieces of equipment in the past three years as much of what they had was old. He also addressed having all the road signs in Kent replaced with larger letters and a blue background. In addition, Mr. Othmer has been part of Cornell University's "Road Scholar" program to keep abreast about changes in practice and technology.

In discussing the retention ponds and storm water catch basins in Lake Carmel, Mr. Othmer said the Clean Water Act mandates certain practices and restrictions concerning how basins are maintained and when they are inspected. He said there are 931 catch basins the Highway Department deals with and they are to be inspected twice a year according to DEP standards. Both the Highway Department and Park District crew report to Bruce Barber concerning all work done at catch basins. He has reports dating back to 2014 in his files.

Residents brought up a road problem at the end of Lake Shore Drive East. Mr. Othmer stated any potholes or road issues can be reported to his department.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fishing Derby

Prizes have been ordered. Brett Harrison said the total for all prizes will be \$150-\$180. Bobby Ulich created templates for registration and judge forms. Trophies have not been chosen yet. Wally Recher offered to donate unused prizes from his Clean up event to be used for the summer festival. Rachael Paradise and Pat Madigan will finalize estimates for printing 100 flyers and 20 posters. Pat will advertise in newspapers and online calendars but emphasizing that the Derby is for Lake Carmel Residents Only. Bob Schwartz said he would like to donate toward the event.

2. Liaison Update

Paul Denbaum was unable to attend the meeting so no update was given.

3. Resident Call

A Girl Scout Troop would like to place recycling bins at the beaches as a service project. The Board agreed this would be a good idea, but wondered if there is a group or person who would like to collect the discarded items for the refund.

4. Seasonal Preparation/Swings and Benches

Four new picnic tables have been designated for installation at Beaches 2, 3, 4 and 7. The board would like two additional picnic tables for Beaches 5 and 6. Six infant seats and 19 regular seats were ordered for the swings at the beaches, but have not yet been installed. Richie Williams pointed out that we are losing beach frontage at Beach 3 and it may be because the valve at the spillway hasn't been opened enough.

5. Fishing on Causeway and Non-resident Use of the Lake

Pat Madigan talked to Police Chief Alex DiVernieri about enforcing non-resident use of the lake and people fishing on the causeway on Route 311. There seems to be less people fishing there lately, but there are non-residents using the walking path and the private beach area as a dog park. Chief DiVernieri offered to attend a Lake Carmel Meeting to discuss upcoming season.

6. Summer Festival

The LCPDAB needs Paul Denbaum to make a request to the Town Board for the Summer Festival. We will begin posting on FB and have Heidi update the flyer as soon as we have the OK.

COMMENTS

Resident Bobby Ulich had discussed several damaged resident-built docks on the lake, especially one near his house, at the April 17 meeting. Pat Madigan spoke to the Building Inspector William Walters and he said there is no permit process. DEC also said they are not responsible for docks built around the lake. The LCPDAB will produce a letter to the town asking how they will remedy the situation, citing Town Code pertaining to docks on Lake Carmel.