

**LAKE CARMEL PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES - August 14, 2017
Town of Kent Town Hall**

VISUAL ROLL CALL: 7:12 p.m.

Present:

Cathy Vargas
Dale Cusack
Pat Madigan
Brett Harrison
Rachael Paradise
Town Board Liaison Paul Denbaum
County Legislator Toni Addonizio

Absent:

Kathy Wiede
William Morris

Minutes of July 10, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Proposed New Concrete Plant:

The proposed plant may not effect Lake Carmel directly but results of the operation could certainly take a toll on the underground water supply that feeds the lake. It also could affect the well water of our residents and our Kent neighbors. 45 to 50 cement trucks will be driving through Carmel and Lake Carmel at all hours. The town Zoning Board of Appeals made their decision to approve based on a document from 1948. Unfortunately, even though the Zoning Board agreed to hold a subsequent meeting, they didn't have a quorum to make any decisions. The document they based their decision on did not give approval for the plant to make concrete, but to hire more employees. At that time the company made concrete blocks and sold masonry supplies, but did not make concrete. There is concern over the contaminants that will leach into the water and air. According to Legislator Toni Addonizio, residents are trying to fight the proposal and issuing an Article 78 in order to bring new evidence to the table. Kathy Doherty said that she heard the plant was a "24/7 operation." Toni Addonizio agreed stating, "It was never a 24/7 operation and never had 45 to 50 trucks." There are three more days before the opportunity to file an Article 78 expires. Paul Denbaum said the town board is weighing all their options and disagree with the decision. A resident said the company's operation in the Bronx does not have favorable reviews. Everyone agreed that the Lake Carmel of the 1930 – 1940's is very different from the Lake Carmel of today and that environmental concerns have increased in the decades since.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lake Carmel Photo Program

Brett Harrison would like to do a Facebook photograph competition each season to keep the Facebook page busy. The winner of the competition, based on number of likes, would have their photograph featured as the LCPDAB cover photo.

2. Liaison Report

- a. Dock Removal: The old dock off Teatown Road will be removed by the parks department.
- b. Blue-green algae: The lake has been treated twice with cutrine ultra. However, beaches remain closed pending a test done at the state level. Ms. Doherty questioned why no one was trying to move water out of the beach areas to help move the algae out. Mr. Denbaum stated that the county Department of Health "has been overly aggressive" this summer. Ms. Doherty suggested the LCPDAB hold an informational meeting to let

residents know what they can do to help foster a cleaner lake environment especially new residents who aren't told how often their septic tanks need to be pumped.

3. Proposed new dock

The LCPDAB conceptually approves of the proposed dock near Teatown Road. However, the LCPDAB will be sending a proposal to the town board to change regulations for installing docks on the lake. The current regulation is vague with regard to materials used, size, upkeep, etc.

4. Spillway

Moving forward. Insite plan hasn't come back yet, but everything is moving along.

Motion to Adjourn