

**LAKE CARMEL PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES - September 11, 2017
Town of Kent Town Hall**

VISUAL ROLL CALL: 7:10 p.m.

Present:

Kathy Wiede
Cathy Wargas
Dale Cusack
Pat Madigan
Rachael Paradise

Absent:

William Morris
Brett Harrison
Town Board Liaison Paul Denbaum

Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence in remembrance of Sept. 11, 2001.
Minutes of Aug. 14 were unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meeting Structure – It has been agreed that instead of opening comments to residents at the end of the meeting, the board will now allow residents to comment during each discussion.
2. Beach Closings – The board will ask Heidi for a report of how often the beaches were closed during the season and whether the closings were for possible blue-green algae or staffing shortages.
3. Lake Carmel Water Quality – Bobby Ulich has been taking samples every two weeks for CSLAP. He has also been observing the shoreline for algae blooms, etc. Heidi gets the testing reports back and then emails Bobby, Paul Denbaum and Supervisor Maureen Fleming with the results. There are approximately 5-6 lakes in Putnam County that had algae blooms over the summer. The Lake Association may have recommendations soon, according to Bobby.
4. Liaison Report – Paul Denbaum was not at the meeting.
5. Photo Contest – Brett Harrison would like to do photo contests on Facebook.
6. Proposed Concrete Plant – Two Article 78s were filed in the courts, but it appears the plant is currently in operation. People are upset. The zoning board felt their hands were tied, and they had to make the decision to approve the plant. The entire ZBA resigned.
7. Proposed New Dock – The Town Board is reviewing a proposed amendment to the town code. While the LCPDAB agrees with Bobby Ulich's request, future regulations need to be tightened. A letter of this committee's recommendations was sent to the Town Board for their review.
8. Removal of Old Dock – The Parks Department will be contracting out for the removal of the old dock. Removal has to be done through DEC. It is currently out to bid.
9. Review List of Suggested Park District Maintenance –
 - A. Some things have been done, but others have been largely ignored.

- B. There are overgrown weeds that need to be taken care of at the monument at Terry Hill and Lake Shore.
- C. Is there a way to enforce regular septic pumping? There is a law, but no one has enforced it. The building inspector is working on a database.
- D. Bobby Nix said the walking path was recently cleaned but residents have been complaining about the state it is in.
- E. The chairs at beaches 5 and 6 are still there despite the fact they will never be used and that this committee voted and agreed to have it done last February.
- F. Some residents have noted an increase in waterfowl this year.
- G. Residents who attend LCPDAB meetings are frustrated that often there is no one from the town board to answer their concerns.
- H. Why are lake draw-downs still occurring each winter?
- I. Why are the buffer plants around the lake being ridiculously trimmed?
- J. We are waiting for another spillway update.
- K. There are corroded pipes and eroding soil near the walking bridge.
- L. There is a downed tree in the spillway.
- M. Why are there siphon pipes/tubes at the dam?
- N. Why is there sand at the spillway?
- O. The parking lots at the beaches need to be repaired.
- P. Can we reclaim the beach sand at 5 and 6 to save money?
- Q. Could the fall cleanup include the painting of posts, fences etc.?
- R. With beaches 5 & 6 closed why continue to put new sand down? Parks Dept. suggested that grass be planted. It would save money and make it easier to maintain.

Meeting Adjourned