

LAKE CARMEL PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES - April 9, 2018
Town of Kent Town Hall

VISUAL ROLL CALL: 7:05 p.m.

Present:

Cathy Wargas
Pat Madigan
William Morris
Dale Cusack
Brett Harrison
Rachael Paradise
Maureen Fleming, Town Supervisor (Liaison)

Absent:

Kathy Wiede

Unanimous approval of February and March minutes

NEW BUSINESS/UPDATES:

1. Flag Display: Bill Morris took the initiative asking that the American flag be displayed at all the beaches. The board hopes that once again, the flags will go up at all open beaches during the summer.
2. Geese Addling Report: Pat Madigan asked when addling the geese eggs was last done and wonders if there is a need to do it again. Resident Walter Recher noted that there seems to be excessive droppings around the lake and that he and his son counted 42 geese at Beach 4 this spring. In his opinion, this appears to be a significant increase. Supervisor Fleming said she noticed more geese sticking around this past winter as well. Bringing in dogs to chase the geese away was briefly discussed. Those present also noticed an increase in seagulls around the lake. There is a fine for feeding wildlife. Educating residents on this might help alleviate the issue of residents feeding geese, ducks and seagulls. Perhaps, the changeable-letter signs on 311 and Towners could serve to remind residents of this law.
3. Electric Trolling Motors: In 1993, there was an advisory vote against allowing electric trolling motors on the lake. It appeared to be a smear campaign with little to back up the negative claims of noise, environment and safety. It is the LCPDAB's opinion, with the town board's support, that we are in compliance with regulations based on the Cannonsville Reservoir's electric trolling motors program. The LCPDAB and member Brett Harrison addressed several concerns made by resident Bobby Ulich regarding the wording in the proposal. Mr. Ulich has also taken issue with the \$40 registration fee.
4. Park like setting at Beach 5/Sand Disbursement: Since the grass is growing up through the sand at Beach 5 and it is also no longer used as a beach, the LCPDAB has asked that sand not be put there this summer, allowing the existing beachfront to become a grassy lawn. Brett Harrison asked that the parks department see whether the sand can be removed and reused elsewhere. Beach 6 also does not need to have sand laid down as this beach has been closed for years.
5. Perennial Plantings: There was a question of whether the town can look into plantings around Lake Carmel, particularly at the triangle on Route 311, at the Veterans' Monument on Terry Hill and near the changeable-letter signs on Towners and 311.

6. Tree Maintenance: While many dead/dying trees were removed from around the lake last year, there appear to still be many that should be taken down.
7. Veterans Monument: Pat Madigan discussed the condition of the Veterans monument which is in need of a clean-up. There are weeds coming up and the area could use some plantings. Dale Cusack said it would be nice if it could be done before the Memorial Day ceremony that is held there. Dale will check with the Veterans Services. Rachael Paradise said she would reach out to the Boy Scouts about doing a spruce-up of the monument as it was an Eagle Scout project several years ago.
8. Walking Path: There was discussion as to whether there could be an extension of the walking path as it ends at a dangerous curve in the road. Also, residents wondered if it could be better maintained as it seems to have eroded a bit and there are “potholes” in many places.
9. Dates for Future Events: Kent Clean-up Day will once again be handled by Walter Recher, who has asked several businesses in the area to donate gift cards to be given out as prizes for most trash picked up. Added to the event list – the Memorial Day ceremony will be held at the Veterans’ Monument on Terry Hill. The Fishing contest on June 23rd and the Paint & Picnic event on May 19th. Also, the fireworks show will be June 30 (rain date: July 7).
10. Comments: Bobby Ulich asked that residents be updates about questions asked of the board at the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.