

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

VISUAL ROLL CALL: 7:00 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent:

Approval of minutes from the June 2018 meeting were tabled until the August meeting.

DISCUSSION:

1. Commemorative plaque for Tony Caravetta: Wally Recher would like to have a plaque installed at Beach 3 in memory of Mr. Caravetta. The plaque he looked at is very expensive. He will look into less expensive alternatives.
2. Summer Festival: The board unanimously voted to postpone the festival until the lake condition improves. July tends to be better than August, but the algal blooms have already caused numerous closures. It was decided that a postponement is better than a cancelation and the board agreed to take a couple weeks before moving forward with a date.
3. Review of Fishing Derby: The fishing derby was very successful. We had more than 50 people fishing plus spectators. Everyone walked away with a raffle prize and a lot of fish were caught.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Bobby Ulich wondered if it would help move the algae out of swimming areas if the ropes were removed at the end of each day. Supervisor Maureen Fleming said that it would be worth trying. She noted, however, that the "greenness" in the lake is also a problem and stirring up the water is actually detrimental as it can actually release cyanotoxins in the algal blooms. Mr. Ulich wondered why we weren't testing the lake ourselves as it takes approximately 48 hours from the time the health department closes the lake on a "visual" to the time they test the water. The test is then sent to Albany for results. Ms. Fleming said that they had a test with instant results but the county deemed it inaccurate. She, however, has no issue with daily testing. Bill Morris asked if it would be possible for lake residents to receive emails when the beaches are closed as they have gone out in past seasons. Ms. Fleming agreed to have them sent out again. Brett Harrison asked if the Fordham student who was studying the lake had gotten any results back as we would be interested in seeing his data. Residents also asked if it would help to dredge the lake. All solutions, including dredging and putting in sewers, are expensive. In the past, the town board and residents were reluctant to change the existing law of requiring septic cleaning from 5 to 3 years, according to Ms. Fleming. Septic's leaking into the lake is one of the biggest problems we are facing. Even with the existing law, there really isn't anyone policing whether residents are having their septic pumped.
2. Mr. Ulich also asked about tree cleanup up around the lake is taking longer than a lot of residents had anticipated. The supervisor advised residents to call her if they see an area that needs clean up. Beach 3 is still full of debris, but that is expected to be taken care of soon. Pat Madigan added that a dead tree at the corner of Terry Hill and Lake Shore looks like it is about to fall into the roadway. Since it is a county tree, Ms. Madigan said she would call the county highway department to take care of it.
3. Mr. Recher brought up his concerns with the condition of the walking path and extending it so people don't have to walk on the street near a blind curve. He asked if the snow fence at Beach 6 could be replaced with a nicer fence. He also asked if the basketball courts could be repaired and the rim and light replaced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.