

**LAKE CARMEL PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES - September 10, 2018
Town of Kent Town Hall**

Visual Roll Call: 7:10 p.m.

Present:

Cathy Wargas
Dale Cusack
Brett Harrison
Pat Madigan

Absent:

Rachael Paradise
William Morris
Maureen Fleming, Town Supervisor (Liaison)

Approval of minutes from August 2018

Discussion:

1. Flag Display – Dale suggested that the American Flag continue to be displayed at the beaches throughout the year depending on weather. Dale said he would be responsible for putting up and taking down each day.
2. Beautification – Wally Recher and Brett reviewed possible sites for plantings. The message board at Lake Shore and Towners, the entrance to the walking path and areas where there are rock arrangements.
3. Holiday Tree Lighting – Scheduled for December 2, 2018
4. Paint & Picnic – On grounds of Lake Carmel Community Center. Food, etc. will be used from cancelled summer festival. Boy Scout Pack 14 will be there as well as a Kent Police Officer. Good response from social media.

Updates:

1. Basketball Court - Conversation pursued on difference of opinion between Wally and Brett whether or not it would be worthwhile patching the cracked surface areas of the basketball court in order to be able to offer some activity for the teenagers. Wally believes it can be done for minimum money and effort with positive results. Brett does not believe it will work and would not be worthwhile. Various comments from the residents were mixed. Discussion regarding the amount of work needed due to the trees lining the area followed with comments regarding information from the Town Supervisor that the work to be done is not Highway Supervisor Ritchie Othmer's responsibility. No one was clear if that was the Town Supervisor's opinion or the Highway Supervisor's statement. Ultimately an agreement was reached that contractors would be called, Rachael had volunteered to do this, to get estimates of both suggestions: minimum patching or total redoing. Wally asked if this could be done as soon as possible to not lose any more time.
2. Walking Path – Discussion as to the man hours required to maintain the path, the normal erosion, and the obstructions in the way of some of the path i.e. utility pole. Questions if there is a schedule in place for maintenance and what can be done. General public response is the path is in the worst shape they have ever seen it and would be willing to spend the necessary funding to have it taken care of as it is a tremendous benefit to the lake residents.

Public Comment:

1. Beaches were closed more then opened
2. Thoughts of alternative activities when the beaches are closed
3. Why are there other fire departments using Lake Carmel to wash out their trucks?
4. Overview response of questions from new attendee regarding the water quality, walking path beach closings etc.
5. Repair of roof top on the beach storage shacks questioned. Is this something our parks dept. can do?
6. New doors for the lifeguard garage were purchased a few years ago but never installed? When can this be done? Is this something our parks dept. can do?
7. Discussion regarding new restaurant on route 311, replacing La Familia. Appears to be encroaching on Lake Carmel fence and property. What Kent department reviews their work site to ensure compliance?

Motion to Adjourn by Dale, Seconded by Brett