

LAKE CARMEL PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES - Jan. 14, 2019
Town of Kent Town Hall

VISUAL ROLL CALL: 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Dale Cusack
Brett Harrison
Pat Madigan
Rachael Paradise
Robert Ulich
Cathy Wargas
Christine Williams
Christopher Ruthven, Councilman (Town Board Liaison)
Maureen Fleming, Town Supervisor (Town Board Liaison)

Absent:

Minutes from the December 2018 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Flag/lighting on beaches:** Dale Cusack, Brett Harrison and Robert Ulich installed the lights at beaches 2, 3, 4 and 7. We will order more flags and lights and install them at the former beaches 5 and 6 and look into lighting for the flag at the Veterans Memorial on Terry Hill as well as lighting the flag at the parks department. Lights cost \$35 each. Mr. Cusack will order flags through the American Legion.
2. **House Decorating Contest:** It went well. All three gift certificates were given to the winners.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **State purpose of the advisory board as documented currently:** Mr. Ulich would like to tighten up and fine-tune the board's statement of responsibilities/regulations. Supervisor Fleming said once changes are made (including changing the name from committee to board), it will go to the town board where it will be open for public comment and then voted on by the town board. Mr. Ulich will prepare a draft to be discussed at the next LCPDAB workshop.
2. **Appoint positions for advisory board members:** Dale Cusack will be co-chair and Christine Williams will be secretary.
3. **Schedule workshop and general meetings/review and approve dates:** We will hold workshops Jan. 31 and Feb. 28 and will work on the rest of the year's schedule at the January workshop.
4. **Schedule event/rain dates for 2019**
 - a. **Picnic & Paint by the Lake** - May 18/19
 - b. **Fishing Derby** - June 29/30 (coincides with the state's free fishing weekend)
 - c. **Summerfest** - July 13/14
 - d. **Holiday Lighting** - December 8 (rain or shine)
 - e. **House Decorating Contest** - December 1-15
5. **Investigate signage around lake for parks department:** Rescinded from agenda. Parks department will take care of all signage. Mr. Harrison will check back at a later date.
6. **Winter Projects:**
 - a. **Bulkhead at beach 7** – Being repaired. Also, lifeguard chairs will be removed at former beaches 5 and 6.

- b. **Potential lifeguard change** – As closing beaches is becoming more the norm, it is time to address new avenues for hiring lifeguards perhaps they can be shared with other lakes in the area so they are always able to work. A solution must be found soon as hiring will take place in the spring.
- c. **Investigate the reclaiming of sand at beaches** – There is a problem with beach sand erosion. Councilman Ruthven said that while we couldn't reclaim sand that has already eroded, we could look into ways to prevent erosion from continuing. Further research and discussion is needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- 1. Councilman Ruthven, who is going to work as our co-liaison, said he hoped to work with the board to bring the lake back to the reason why so many residents moved to Lake Carmel.
- 2. Walter Recher wondered if the town could get an arbor consultant to advise on what trees could help mitigate runoff. There are many trees that were damaged or taken down by last year's storms. Supervisor Fleming said that the town received insurance money from the storm for the damage to the trees and they could look into beneficial plantings to help prevent erosion and pollutants from entering the lake due to runoff.
- 3. Mr. Ulich asked about the use of beet juice as a deicer on town roads. The highway department had been looking into it as it would prevent salt from getting into the lakes. Currently, the town uses a salt/sand mixture. Councilman Ruthven said that salt is actually better to use because it dissolves while sand "grabs" phosphorus and other pollutants and adds them to the lake.
- 4. Mr. Ulich asked if the old town hall/court house could be used for storage as the LCPDAB is currently storing items at members' homes. Supervisor Fleming said it is already being used for storage, but that the town is looking to sell the building.

Motion to Adjourn:

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.