

LAKE CARMEL PARK DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES - July 8, 2019
Town of Kent Town Hall

VISUAL ROLL CALL: 7:05 p.m.

Present:

Brett Harrison, Chairman
Cathy Vargas
Robert Ulich
Dale Cusack
Walter Recher
Christine Williams
Pat Madigan
Rachael Paradise
Maureen Fleming, Supervisor (Liaison)
Christopher Ruthven, Councilman (Liaison)

Absent:

Minutes from the June meeting were tabled.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Summer Festival:** July 13. Cartwright will deliver tents and grills Friday. Cathy Vargas or Wally Recher offered to stop by to check on the set-up. Volunteers will help with registration for the races. Volunteers may be needed to keep an eye on the kayakers, as the lifeguards will be stationed elsewhere. The Kent Police Department cadets will be on hand. A Parks Department crewmember will be there to help out. A new DJ was hired and he is very excited to do the event. Durante is set to donate the generator. Food will be delivered Thursday or Friday. We will need to purchase watermelons, hamburger buns and hot dog rolls. Soda and water are being ordered from Carmel Beverage. We still have charcoal from last year. We still have medals/ribbons from previous years. Food permits are all set. We will be raffling a paddleboat and have several games/activities planned.
2. **Adopt a Pipe Update:** Bobby Ulich said volunteers are still needed to sample water within 30 minutes of rainfall to help identify phosphorus hotspots and work back to the source of any pollution. He is hoping the program will be up and running by August. Phase 1, mapping the pipes, is underway.
3. **Mural Update:** Mr. Ulich has reached out to a few groups to see if there is interest in painting murals on one or more beach shacks.
4. **Basketball Court:** Councilman Chris Ruthven and Supervisor Maureen Fleming met with the Parks Department to discuss what can be done by the department. They will then see if the Kent Highway Department can do some of the work. This would mean Lake Carmel would only have to contract what couldn't be done by these two departments.
5. **Trees Around the Lake:** There will be more trees for planting in the fall. There are still trees around the lake that need to be removed, as they are dead or dying.
6. **Spillway Update:** Ms. Fleming is still waiting for an update.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Boat Raffle:** See Summer Festival.
2. **Invasive species:** There is confirmation that we have Eurasian milfoil near the spillway. There is also another plant in that area that appears to be an invasive. Prism out of Teatown Lake Reservation removes invasive plants. It is a volunteer group. The lifeguards are battling the snails daily, putting on gloves and removing them from swimming areas. Ms. Fleming has sent photos of the snails to the DEC. They are not convinced they are mystery snails. Pat Madigan is going to reach out to Cornell Cooperative Extension for recommendations on how to deal with the snail problem.
3. **Weed Harvester Loan Out:** The Town Board has agreed to loan out the district's weed harvester to other lakes. It will be steam cleaned and inspected before it is returned to our lake.
4. **Recommendations for Insurance Money:** A workshop needs to be scheduled to discuss the LCPDAB recommendations for the use of insurance money received after the May 2018 storm. The board decided on Monday, July 15, to meet and discuss it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Albert Fahs, who works for the park district, has concerns with the sharing of the weed harvester. It is district taxpayer property and a park district employee will be used elsewhere when it is rented out to other lakes. Even if the district is reimbursed for the employee's time, it will still mean that employee isn't working for the district. Mr. Fahs also noted that some people were fishing from the docks during the Fishing Derby and beach areas prohibit fishing.
- Resident Kathy Doherty noted that the highway department had cut weeds by Grey Oaks Court but is blowing the debris directly into the lake. She and others noted that there are several areas around the lake that aren't being as upkept as they have in the past.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.