

Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes Monday, June 12, 2023
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Kent Town Hall
25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512

Call to order with Pledge of Allegiance @ 7:04pm

Board Members

Robert Ulich - Moderator
Siobhan Carey
Cathy Wargas
Jeremy Goldberg
Steve Perry

Absent

Walter Recher, *Chair*
Joe Fleischman
Pat Madigan

Town Board Liaisons

Councilman Chris Ruthven

Absent

Supervisor Jaime McGlasson

Also In attendance

Councilman Shaun Boyd

MEETING TOPICS

1. Recommendation on new board member

Apology was made to Mark (in audience) as a piece of general information was needed before the board could move forward with the recommendation.

2. Lake Manager report: RFP, Review and Recommendation

The recommendation from the committee was provided to the Town Board members and asked to be considered and placed on the next Town Board meeting agenda. This committee agreed to the recommendation of GEI Consultants (AJ Reyes) after reviewing their proposal and an attempt for two additional proposals from vendors of which were returned unresponsive.

3. Event plan updates

Annual fishing derby plans are finalized and expecting a good forecast and turnout. There was mention of several guests expected (NYSDEC, Kent PD, taxidermy display by Trina Lawatsch) and a huge thank you to Councilman Boyd for his donation of \$250 and for securing \$250 worth of donated raffle prizes from Keepin' It Reel Bait and Tackle.

Summer Festival planned for July 8th is in final planning stages. Additional volunteers may be sought. We are planning to utilize same caterer as last year.

4. Liaisons: Spring project updates

Councilman Ruthven reports FEMA is scheduled to come down for on site(s) visit to do their inspections of the damages. He also stated the initial report for the Lake Carmel Community Center was just received today from the engineering firm and details one of the two options (replacement or repair) but has not yet had an opportunity to review. The walking path project has been completed and mention of a grand opening in conjunction with a proposed bench dedication to Bob Schwartz was mentioned. Beach(es) have opened and the Lifeguard Supervisor has stated he is planning to open all beaches a week earlier than normal as there are 20 guards this year and staffing should not be an issue. There is currently no word or update on the dam. FEMA needs to perform their initial inspection for walking bridge, bulkhead at beach #2, bulkhead for old fishing dock location and the boat launches as next step. Beach #7 will not be repaired this year, however the beach will be opened. Mention of the new PVC lifeguard chair has been placed at beach #3. Councilman is awaiting feedback from the lifeguards and parks crew to their thoughts on moving ahead with additional chair purchases for remaining beaches. The topic of dog walking issues transpired and the councilman mentioned that PD has been speaking with residents about leash requirements. Mention that the police have recommended to utilize the dog park at the Putnam County Park, but we were informed that it is not open to the public, yet. A resident brought up a concern about signage removed from previous beach sites (Private, beach #5 or beach #6). The committee will consider review of current laws as related. Nonresident parking and boat launching was also brought up to which resolution is for residents NOT to confront but to call the police department to get on file and for PD to handle. Another resident mentioned information has been provided to the chairman about different types of benches to be considered for the walking path and dedicated in Bob Schwartz name.

5. Liaisons: Former Beach 5 and 6 park amenities and improvements

Councilman Ruthven mentioned the sand pile at former beach #5 has been dispersed. Mention of signage (rules/regulations) for the former beach #5 and #6 should be considered. Former beach #5 storage shed foundation will be broken up and removed in the future. The volleyball court net framing will be looked at for viability.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Goldberg brought up an issue of a gentleman who was picking up garbage around the lake and placing in random resident garbage cans has been asked not to place the loose garbage in cans, as sanitation workers will not dispose of loose (non-bagged) refuse. It appears that this resident was approached and has stated he will not carry a bag on his person and is now disposing of refuse in the catch basins. Discussion of recourse is to contact PD when witnessed in hopes the resident will consider alternate disposal methods. Talk of additional refuse cans being placed around the lakeshore was raised but deterred as several factors including staffing, animals, vandalism and carry in – carry understanding was discussed. Finally, Councilman Boyd mentioned Fourth of July fireworks fund raising at the Lake Carmel Fire Department where they will be having a petting zoo on June 24th from 10AM to 1PM. Advertising for fund raising through an email blast would be mentioned to the Supervisor for consideration.

Meeting adjourned

A motion to close the meeting by Siobhan Carey and second by Cathy Vargas was made. A unanimous vote closed the meeting at 7:48P.

Respectfully submitted by R.Ulich