

**Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes April 6, 2015 – 7:00 pm
Town of Kent Town Hall**

Roll Call

Present:

Pat Madigan
Kathy Wiede
Cecile Walsh
William Morris
Wanda Schweitzer
Diane Kerr

Absent:

Cathy Vargas
Dennis Illuminate

Minutes for November 17, 2014 meeting approved with following change:

DeBellis did not buy the old LaRussel Building. It was purchased by A-Class Builders, the owner of Gino's Deli. They are putting in a smoke shop.

New Business:

1. Boats
Contact Richie Williams and obtain a list from him as to what boats he has and what should be available to auction off. There is a State Law regarding the time property needs to be held before auction. (2 years). Also Heidi Link checks boat registrations and should send letters to the boat owners to remove their boats from lake during winter season.
2. Finances
Kathy Wiede accepted the job as Treasurer and will manage the Committee's finances. Any funds leftover in the budget is rolled over to a general fund. The Committee can draw from this fund if needed.
3. The Arts on the Lake was also discussed under finances. The Committee raised the question as to where does the income that Arts makes go. Paul Denbaum advised that a 20 years contract was signed with the Town which runs in 5 year time spans (latest contract signed in 2012). The Lake District is responsible for maintaining the property. The contract also states the "Park District" can use the facility for District events. The Arts pay rent in the form of a loan. If they make any capital improvements they can offset the rent. Paul Denbaum will make the Committee a copy of the contract. The Committee would like to review more specific information on the contract.
4. Foil by Wanda Schweitzer
Wanda was advised by the Committee that there was no need to FOIL. The information is always available. She indicated she never received any correspondence or calls from the Clerk, Heidi Link, so that is why she foiled. During this a question was raised as to why we are not on website. Paul Denbaum's response basically was the Town is still having some problems with it.
5. Ice Fishing
Pat to check with Richie Williams about plowing all beach lots so residents can fish on the Lake.

6. Summer Events

The following events were discussed:

Triathlon

Public Fishing Derby

Life Guard Event (have Police and Fire Dept. do demonstrations at beach)

Have a concert at Arts on the Lake

The Committee also agreed that we should get started Planning the Beach Festival. A specific will be a meeting just about this issue on May 18, 2015.

7. Life Guards

Pat will contact Ann about the Committee meeting the new lifeguards after they are hired. A new head lifeguard needs to be appointed. Paul Denbaum will do some of the interviews.

8. Pan Fish Derby

Has always been organized by Pat Hanner. She provided the following information to the Committee:

55 participants last year

Costs:

Trophies \$150

Shop \$88

Pat Hanner \$19

Pat and Bob Schwartz always donate fishing poles. Leftovers go back to Community Center. Date: June 4, 2015 Beach 4. Heidi will send out flyer.

9. Survey

Have lifeguards do survey on beach issues with residents.

The Committee will submit a list of questions for the survey.

Smoking on Beaches was discussed. The no smoking policy should also be extended to the parking lots.

Signs need to be posted at the entrance to the beaches as well as on lifeguards chair and parking lots.

Pat will check on the No Smoking Town Law that was passed previously.

Also discussed under this was the need to extend the Park District's Office hours. It was suggested a Saturday should be added to the schedule.

10. Committee Meeting Schedule

Meetings will be held the second Monday of the month.

11. Spillway, Gate House, Fence

The spillway at Lake Shore and Terry Hill is a crater. Also Gate House needs repairs. A question was raised about the Committee setting up a meeting to view the area and report to the Town. Paul Denbaum indicated the Town needs an engineer's report to revisit this issue. Bob Ulrich indicated he had an engineer's report and would send it to Paul. Apparently there was a grant filed regarding this. This work was previously done by East of Hudson Watershed funds. It was suggested the Supervisor should call them and tell them to return.

Merit Corporation did the sewer work for the Town had dumped debris over the guard rail at Towners Road by the gas station. They advised the Town owes them money and will not return to do clean up.

Mr. Looney is to check on the fence that the gas station recently put up.

12. Trees on Beach 3

Trees need to be planted for shade to encourage residents to use the beach.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Arts on the Lake -discussed previously above,
2. Attendance Requirements -Members must attend at least 60% of meetings to remain on Committee. Have to check By-Laws regarding this issue.
3. CARP - they are bought from a breeder. We need to obtain information from Supervisor as to what we need. (records)
4. Citizen's Statewide Lake Assessment - too late for this season. Bob Ulrich will get information on next program date and information. He will advise us next meeting.
5. Illegal Docks - Mr. Looney advised there are docks on town property. The illegal docks would have to be taken down by Lake Carmel or petition Town to do it.
6. Retention Pond - discussed previously above.
7. Trees by Angela's -Apparently this tress were marked as hollow by the State. Richie Williams contacted the State and they said they had no one to take them down. Town did get a price to take them down but thought Highway could do it. It's been over a year and nothing has been done.
8. Other
Have causeway signs changed to indicate fine if you are caught fishing between. Have a meeting with Kent Police about enforcing this. Master compiling of records to avoid duplication and to be sure things are completed. This will be done by Diane Kerr.

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Prepare List of Issues Town Board Should Discuss

1. Finances - separate budget line, Arts on the Lake, clerk
2. Spillway, Gate House, Fence and retention Pond - needed repairs
3. Tree - maintenance

Approval of Minutes

Next Meeting: 5/11/15

Summer Festival only meeting: 5/18/15

Meeting Adjourned.