

**Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes June 8, 2015 – 7:00 pm
Town of Kent Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Pat Madigan
Cathy Vargas
Kathy Wiede
William Morris
Wanda Schweitzer
Cecile Walsh

ABSENT:

Dennis Illuminate
Diane Kerr

Minutes of the May 11, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Pat made the motion to pass the minutes as written with the exception of the change that the fee for retrieving boats left on the shore should read \$75 not \$25. Bill second the motion. The minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Catch Basin: The catch basin across East Lake Shore from Beach 2 is continually filled, resulting in water runoff causing damage to basketball courts. Pat with talk to Richie Othmer to rectify this situation.

Basketball Courts: There is also damage from roots, resulting in a dangerous situation to players. The committee will take a further look at the situation and decide what needs to be done.

Newsletter: It was suggested that the Town of Kent revisit the idea of a newsletter to residents. Most residents are unaware of the laws of the town and also upcoming special events. It was also suggested that a “New Resident” package be developed and given to local realtors to hand out to new home owners.

Dog Control: Dogs continue to run off-leash, primarily after 4 pm at Beaches 3, 5, & 6 and the private beach. Committee recommends that the Dog Control Officer be instructed to make additional checks at these beaches during this time. The committee with check the wording on local leash law and pooper-scooper laws. The findings could be posted the above-mentioned newsletter. It was also suggested the current signage be checked to determine if it is adequately visible.

Lake Carmel Park District Web Site: There still has been no action taken to get this web site up and running properly. It was discussed that this would be the perfect place to post all town rules.

Political Signs: No political signs are allowed on shore property – while this is not an official rule, it is an unspoken one. It was suggested that the town board send candidates a letter regarding this. Pat will call the county to check if they allow such signage on state and county roads. County employees were observed removing signs from county roads.

Other Signs: It was suggested that local codes be researched regarding the posting of non-political signs on town property, especially the area of Routes 311 and 52.

Road Markings: Wanda brought up the issue of poor road-markings, especially during foggy weather. It was stated that middle of the road markings are not allowed because the local roads are too narrow.

Mowing: The fenced-area along Huguenot and Yorktown, near the community center, is not being mowed. It was determined that this is town property and the town crew needs to mow it. Pat will talk to Richie Othmer.

Summer Employees: We are short lifeguards this year. It was questioned where it was advertised and whether non-Kent resident can apply. It was also decided agreed the Richie should be able to decide as to whether he accepts a non-Kent person as an employee.

Code Enforcement Officer: Several properties were discussed. Notices issues to some landowners by Bill Looney were passed around the committee.

The Old Villa: Purchased by J. Raneri

Old liquor store on Towners: owned by county. Toni went to Fred Pena to see what could be done.

Old bike shop on Towners Road: Owned by J. Raneri. Improvements are currently being performed.

Other properties discussed included the old hardware store and the old batting cages, both on Route 52.

Equipment Concerns: Mowers for Richie: 16 years old and 13 years old. His request for a new mower last year was approved but no one from the Board informed Richie of this. The garage door on the life-guard building is in need of repair.

Summer Festival: There was a brief discussion of this year's festival and the possible involvement of local EMS in a lifesaving drill.

OLD BUSINESS

Gatehouse and Spillway: Paul presented this problem to the Town Board. They agreed to reach out to Insight Engineering to evaluate and report back to the Board with an update on its condition.

Illegal Docks: Discussion regarding the illegal docks was continued. There was a discussion regarding the history of docks on Lake Carmel. It was suggested that the Committee research current code on fishing docks and that existing docks be taken over by the town in order that standards be upheld. Docks in poor conditions need to be removed, most likely by the Town. It was suggested that there may be a need for additional, legal, fishing docks.

Route 52/Towners Gas Station: There are new owners who have taken steps to improve the appearance of this property. The encroaching fence still remains an issue. It was stated that the apartment that had existed upstairs is illegal. The Committee will watch to see if it becomes inhabited. There was a general discussion as to illegal housing and apartment in the Town of Kent.

Boat Auction: There are 24 boats and an auction is being planned for late summer. It was suggested that maybe a Facebook page be made for this.

Retention Pond: Located at East Lake Shore and Terry Hill. It was agreed the Supervisor needs to become more aggressive in getting this matter resolved with East of Hudson.

Smoke-Free areas at beaches: Increase to include parking lot. It was suggested that the addendum include all shore property, but this is not enforceable. Butt Can in the parking lot was also suggested.

Arts On The Lake (AOTL): Bob Bradley and Ed Durkee (Executive Director) attended the meeting in order to bridge the gap between the two organizations and answer any questions.

- Only two stipends are paid by AOTL annually: \$2000 a month to the executive director and a per diem to Jason, who handles the sound system at events. Pat asked for a list of improvements made to the building since the signing of contracts. She was informed that all improvements are required to be sent to Michelle, in finance. All capital improvements will remain when AOTL vacate the premises. Residents from the community are free the rent the building. It was stated that the new Town of Kent administration has no knowledge of any past transactions that occurred. Any incoming money, after expenses, is reinvested into the programs. As a non-profit, it is required that AOTL is totally transparent.
- Richie mows the lawn and removes snow, Monday-Friday, and has been great in doing so.
- AOTL pay their own liability and content insurance.
- It was stated that if AOTL was required to pay rent, they would not be able to afford to provide the services to the community that they do.
- It was also explained that upon signing the contract with AOTL, the Town of Kent no longer has any responsibility to the building. Any problems that arise must be dealt with by AOTL.
- It was reported that AOTL has done almost 1 million dollars in capital improvements.
- Bob Bradley will send Pat a list of the improvements made by AOTL

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on July 13.

A motion for adjournment was made by Pat Madigan and seconded by Bill Morris.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.