

Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes September 14, 2015 – 7:00 pm
Town of Kent Town Hall

ROLL CALL - 7:05 PM

Present:

Kathy Wiede
Cathy Vargas
Pat Madigan
William Morris
Diane Kerr

Absent:

Cecile Walsh
Dennis Illuminate
Wanda Schweitzer

Motion to Approve Minutes: Minutes of August 10, 2015 approved

New Business:

Invite Bruce Barber to a meeting.

Pat Madigan spoke about our meeting with Bruce Barber. It was suggested that the Committee would like to invite him to one of our meetings to inform residents about the issues of cleaning the retention ponds. Also, to discuss the Town's sharing the costs of equipment and training for the cleaning of the retention ponds.

Updates:

1. **Budget** - The Committee's budget was reviewed. There were some questions about certain charges to the budget. A meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2015 with the Town Accountant to go over the budget and the charges.

Richie Williams also has a list of items he needs under his budget. This list will be given to our liaison. The LCC is supportive of his proposals.

2. **Boat Auction** - The Committee has been trying to get this scheduled since last April. This was not accomplished through no fault of the Committee. The new date is for April 2016. It was suggested a Fish and Game Officer come and look at the boats up for auction and give a value of them. Pat Madigan will check with Richie Williams about this.
3. **CSLAP** - Bob Ulich gave a presentation on this. Lake Carmel is penciled in for the next training and the annual conference in May 2016. Bob is interested in attending. The Committee unanimously agreed to sponsor Bob. The funds are due by the first of the year. Bob will put together a package for the costs for training etc.
4. **Code Enforcement** - Mr. Looney the Code Enforcement Officer is working on the following:

- a) All vehicles parked on a homeowners property must be properly registered and have valid plates. He is currently issuing violations to those that do not comply.
 - b) There is a Town Ordinance that no signs are to be placed on Town Property. He is removing them.
 - c) He was able to have NYSEG look at two rotten poles that Richie Williams showed him. NYSEG has agreed to replace the poles.
5. Engineers Report - Town going forward to repair pump house. Committee still waiting for Town Board to determine spillway repair. The Committee would like an engineer's report. Pat Madigan will speak to Supervisor Fleming about this.
 6. Kent Community Day - Kathy Wiede and Cathy Wargas set up a table with information about the blue green algae. There was not a big turnout at the table.
 7. Lifeguards Compensation and Retention - There was a survey done by Ann the Head Lifeguard of surrounding towns and what they pay their lifeguards. Lake Carmel lifeguards receive only \$9 an hour and this salary has not been raised in years. The Head Captain makes the same salary as a lifeguard. The three towns surveyed showed their lifeguards having a higher starting salary usually \$13 an hour. The Town needs to offer some incentives for the lifeguards to return. One incentive could be if they stay two years the Town would pay for re-certification.
 8. Carp - No need to restock. Ritchie Williams said he had the weed cutter out and the lake was fine.
 9. Smoking Ban Public Hearing - To date the Town Board has not scheduled a hearing on the extending the no smoking ban to the beach parking lots.
 10. Revision of Fees for lost beach passes - This issue was previously presented to our liaison. The Town needs to change the fines. It was suggested no fee for the first loss. A second and any thereafter a \$15.00 fee will be charged. This needs to be presented to the Town Board.

Other:

1. The Town has \$452,000 in its budget account.
2. Committee needs to find out the cost for the copper sulfate treatments.
3. Still no Town website up and running.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn: Meeting adjourned.