

**Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes - February 10, 2020
Lake Carmel Community Center**

PRESENT:

Walter Recher, Chairman
Andy Bargamian
Pat Madigan
Madeline Perez
Bobby Ulich
Cathy Wargas

Town Board Liaisons

Jaime McGlasson, Councilwoman
Chris Ruthven, Councilman

ABSENT:

Rachael Paradise
Dale Cusack, Vice Chair

ITEMS:

1. **Posting/Hiring Lake Crew Chief** – Liaisons stated that it was still under review.
2. **Tree Plantings/Grant** – Liaison Chris Ruthven reviewed with Bruce Barber, still waiting for recommendations on tree species for Beach 5, Veterans Memorial/path areas. Member Pat Madigan explained receipt of \$799.30 from **Judy Terlizzi** for tree/trees. Agreed to further explore ideas of having visible recognition (e.g. plaque) of a previous member of 'Stop Patterson Crossing' and Tony Caravetta.
3. **Insite Engineering** – John Watson has been in contact with Town Supervisor, Liaisons waiting to hear updates.
4. **Beach 2 Basketball Court Renovation** – Liaison Ruthven shared that Highway Superintendent Othmer "hopes to start in mid-April" and will work on the barrier and blacktop surface. The court design will be changed to run parallel to the lake. Guardrail replacement was discussed; meeting attendee and Lake Crewmember Albert Fahs said he would follow-up.
5. **2020 Beach Staffing** - Chair initiated discussion and offered recommendations from the Board to open Beaches 2, 3, 4, and 7, with 11 total staff – 9 lifeguards, one alternate, and the supervisor (Ann). Liaisons to schedule meeting with Ann, Liaisons, and Advisory board Chair to discuss. The number of lifeguards hired will impact number of beaches that will be open. Board member Bobby Ulich brought up his request made to the LC Park clerk regarding the number of beaches closed during the season, number of visitors on the beaches etc. Advisory board members expressed concern about the need to review lifeguard salaries to stay competitive. Discussion ensued about the need to consider increasing incentives to work. Liaisons were asked to check lifeguard and beach captains' salaries for future discussion.

6. **Replacing Beach Flags** – issue tabled as Vice Chair Dale Cusack is developing pricing and recommendation and he was not in attendance.
7. **Impounded Boats for Lake Event Raffle** – Advisory Board requested information on possibility of purchasing impounded boats held at parks garage for Lake Carmel Summer Fest event. Liaisons agreed to verify with town attorney that it would be permissible.
8. **Outside Fire Department Lake Access/Testing** – Advisory Board expressed concern regarding use of Lake by outside Fire Department. Concern of ‘wash out’ water from outside tanks, ruts, tire tracks etc. destroying grass and property along the lake front, etc. as a result of use and left in poor condition. Requested Liaisons to follow-up with Lake Carmel Fire Dept. Chief on the issue, our policy, and request for outside Fire Departments to cease using Lake Carmel for this purpose.
9. **New/Relocating Floating Dock** – Board Member B. Ulich restated request to move dock presently located at the Parks garage be moved to the south end of the lake to be used for fishing. Presently the dock is used for the Summer Festival. Discussion and questions ensued regarding feasibility; dock would need to be brought up to code with the addition of guardrails to bring dock up to code etc. No final decision was reached.
10. **LCPD Clerk** reviewed concerns of availability to the public for requests of data and various general information regarding attendance, beach openings, registration numbers, boat stickers etc.; Liaisons discussed challenges for staff to be open on weekends; agreement to look at demand, alternate ideas and solutions.
11. **Trolling Motors** – Liaisons were advised of committee recommendations: no longer refer as ‘pilot’ program, change fee to \$25, limit # of permits to 50 per year.
12. **NYSFOLA Conference** – Advisory Board approved recommendation for members Robert Ulich and Andrew Bargamian to attend. Liaisons will advise of their decision regarding attendance by LCPDAB members.

OLD BUSINESS:

LCPDAB requesting updates from liaisons on the following:

1. **Basketball Court** – Rich Othmer & highway department will be working on it this spring.
2. **Beach Parking lots** – Liaisons will order gravel etc. needed. Parks department to implement.
3. **Benches/Picnic Tables** – Liaisons submitted work order for parks department; will update.
4. **Boat Launches** – requested review and recommended work to be completed at beach 3, 5 near parks department.
5. **Bulkhead Renovations** – Liaisons and Advisory Board Chair Recher went to the sites, measured work areas at beaches 2, 3, 4, 7; liaisons committed to submit bid for work.
6. **Fence installation at Beach 6** – Liaisons targeting spring; board reiterated liability concerns.
7. **Beach/Lake Street Signage** – Board discussed importance and need to update and install new as applicable; recommended review; crew to survey existing sign locations, board chair to review messages and share to develop recommendations to produce/install new signs
8. **Walking Path** – Liaisons working to put out to bid to include replace/renovation of existing path and extension to the end of Lakeshore Dr. before causeway bridge.
9. **Wood frame around Beach 3 tree** – Liaisons to submit work order for parks department to replace.
10. **Wooden Fencing at Beaches 4, 3** – Board reviewed, need to provide recommendations.