

Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2021
Zoom 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dale Cusack

Roll call:

Walter Recher, Chairman
Dale Cusack, Vice Chairman
Joseph Fleischman
Patricia Madigan
Madeline Perez,
Robert Ulich
Cathy Vargas

Town Board Liaisons:

Councilwoman Jaime McGlasson
Councilman Chris Ruthven

Review November meeting minutes

- **Town Code Revisions:** Councilwoman McGlasson responded that she would follow-up with the town counsel and Kent Town Board to finalize recommended wording as related to “taxpayer” and disallowance of utilization of portable BBQ’s per town insurance and any other edits.
- **Bridge/Dam Renovation:** Councilman Ruthven responded that he is following up with Insite Engineering on status of commencing engineering study and would share update when he receives a response.
- **Advisory board master plan recommendations on lake improvement projects:** Councilman Ruthven responded that 2021 budget may impact scope and scale of the requests and shared conversation with lake crew chief on priorities.
- **Advisory Board Openings:** The request nominations for advisory board openings was discussed to which Councilwoman McGlasson mentioned she would announce at the Town Board meeting the next evening and follow up as to how it can be placed on the local government cable channels. Chairman Recher expressed he would follow up with the clerk on email blast and town website.
- **2021 lifeguard and crew budget and plans:** Councilman Ruthven responded that they would schedule meeting to review assignments; further discussion by Chairman Recher, members Pat Madigan and Robert Ulich on assignments and salary for lifeguards and asked about possibility of increasing their pay scale; Councilman McGlasson further commented on challenge of hiring shallow pool of candidates.
- **Lake Carmel 90th:** Chairman Recher shared that community feedback was very positive for the Lake Carmel 90th Anniversary exhibit at Arts on the Lake, with over 100 attending and thanked community and Arts on the Lake for their support.
- **Adopt a Pipe:** Robert Ulich reported on Adopt a Pipe budget and plan and requested volunteers; Chairman Recher and Madeline Perez pledged support.
- **Holiday Tree Lighting:** Pat Madigan shared that there was a tremendous turnout and thanked fellow member Madeline Perez for her support and the community for their help and participation.

- **2020 Review:** Chairman Recher reviewed accomplishments in 2020 for recommendations and completion of major projects including basketball court; Veteran's Memorial renovations and tree planting; Beach 3 renovation; walking path and parking lot renovations; new/renovate benches; dead tree and tree stump removals. Chairman Recher thanked Councilwoman McGlasson, Councilman Ruthven and Crew Chief Frank Sabatini for their support, which was echoed by all advisory board members and public.
- **2021 Meetings and Events Calendar:** Chairman Recher reviewed meeting schedule and event schedule and said the event plans were tentative based on ongoing pandemic issue potential.
- **Board Chair Vote:** Chairman Recher accepted Chair position by vote of Advisory Board for 2021

A motion to close the meeting by Robert Ulich, seconded by Cathy Vargas