

**Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2021
Lake Carmel Community Center
10 Huguenot Rd, Lake Carmel**

The meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dale Cusack at 7:05 p.m.

Present:

Members:

Walter Recher, Chairman
Dale Cusack, Vice Chairman
Joseph Fleischman
Jerri Jacobs
Pat Madigan
Robert Ulich
Cathy Wargas

Town Board Liaisons:

Councilwoman Jaime McGlasson
Councilman Chris Ruthven

Public in attendance: Kathy Doherty

Reading of prior meeting minutes waived

ITEMS:

1. Chairman Recher engaged with liaisons on update of bridge and dam renovation engineering study and grant application status:
 - Councilman Ruthven: No updates – Insite Engineering (John Watson) has some plans drawn up but they are working with an engineering company in PA who will review and make recommendations so that the grant writer can use this information to apply for a grant. Supervisor.
 - Robert Ulich: Two grants to look into for repairs. We need an engineer information to apply for a grant.
 - Councilman Ruthven: will ask Rich Othmer Highway Supervisor to get Lake Carmel on the bridge list. There are different kinds of dams in NY classified as A, B or C. There are mostly Class A in Putnam County.
2. Chairman Recher engaged liaisons in review of meeting outcomes with lifeguard supervisor on recommendations for 2021. Following the Lifeguard meeting last week with Supervisor M. Fleming, Lifeguard Supervisor Ann McKinley, Town Board Liaison Councilwoman Jaime McGlasson, and Walter Recher the following was discussed:

There is an issue getting and retaining lifeguards. To date we have 5/6 lifeguards signed up for the summer. The main concerns discussed were the reasons it is so difficult to get/keep lifeguards, which are:

- Nature of the job: geese poop clean up sometimes wheelbarrows full, removal of snails, and the reputation of poor water quality.
- Lack of communication with community was discussed: we need to improve out methods of getting word out to residents about Lake Carmel Park District and its amenities.

- General issues for lifeguard: cost for certification, the wages are not competitive with surrounding lakes/pools. Discussion about what can be done included raising wages for lifeguards. Writing out a full description of the duties of each level of lifeguard: head lifeguard, beach captain, and lifeguard. Discussion also included the question of do we need all these categories, with the low number of lifeguards perhaps the supervisor could take over for head lifeguard and make rounds at the open beaches.
 - Discussion about how many lifeguards are required at a beach: going by NY regulations and Supervisor of lifeguards (Ann) recommendations and board discussion it was agreed that no more than three (3) lifeguards are needed per open beach. We also agree and recommend the salary for lifeguards be increased to \$15.00 per hour. We need to negotiate how many LG's we feel are required to keep beaches open and patrons safe. It should be up to Ann not NYS. Discussion about the fact that this year we have less lifeguards so increasing their pay makes sense, if we do not have lifeguards, we cannot open beaches. Supply and demand. We need to have open beaches for residents who live here and pay taxes for these amenities.
 - Also discussed was beach passes that are checked by lifeguards – the fact that the clerk has part time hours during the day makes it difficult for residents to obtain passes.
3. Chairman Recher engaged liaisons in review of– Inquire Agency Report status regarding Canada Geese population.
Councilman Ruthvan: The company retained to assess the resident geese issue backed out of the agreement this week. Town attorney had issues with the agreement and the company would not make the requested revisions. Since the visual count was only up to 50 geese, the quote seemed high at between \$7,000 to \$8,000. Good news, there are no goslings so the egg addling has been successful. Also suggested a consideration to find a lake scientist for next year to properly assess what the lake needs to be a healthy body of water. We need to get a better handle on why the geese are coming to the area. The geese who take up residence, not the migratory geese. We need to find effective ways to continue mitigation of geese.
 4. Chairman Recher engaged liaisons in review of recommendations submitted to LCPD Crew Chief on 2021 projects/pick list including painting lifeguard chairs and benches, boat launches, replace fences/bid, installation of gate at former Beach 6, cut down dead trees on shoreline, renovations at Beach 7, 2, 4 .
Councilman Ruthvan: Painting is planned. There will be a fence bid to do all the fence work – one company, one price. Gate at Beach 6 – no change. Dead ash trees to be cut. A \$10,000 grant was applied for, if it is not received, the trees need to be cut at town expense. All the trees are marked and ready. Renovation at beaches 2, 4 and 7 bulkheads – no lumber projects planned until prices come down.
 5. Liaisons - Review former Beach 5 LIMNI Restaurant Property parking lot rental. Chairman Recher will invite the owner of LIMNI to a workshop on June 28th to discuss concerns, a fair rental agreement for use of the parking lot.
 6. Chairman Recher engaged liaisons regarding update on bid for contractors to renovate and expand walking path.
Councilman Ruthvan: Architect and survey needed then it will be put out to bid.
 7. Chairman Recher engaged liaisons regarding review recommendation/request for signboards. Will go out to bid, Walter has a template to include. We have picture and rendition.
 8. Chairman Recher engaged liaisons and board regarding update on final editing for Park District No. 1 Rules and Regulations. We received town board response and agree to keep pushing for our recommendations. We agreed under E. regarding rope to keep wording as noted and the wording under “50-11 picnics and outings”.

9. Chairman Recher engaged liaisons and board review plans for LCPD Summer Festival
Walter Recher: Discussion on to do list, t-shirt sponsors and quotes from Extreme Designs in Carmel for t-shirts. Sheds were checked for usable inventory from past festivals. Date is August 14th. We are looking for volunteers – and ways to better get the word out. Putting out a survey was suggested to gauge interest and attendance for planning purposes.
10. Chairman Recher engaged the board to review and discuss plans for LCPD Fishing Derby
Robert Ulich: June 26th – was posted to FB page. Volunteers welcome! Notify attendees about opening on LCPDAB Board

Public Comment: One member in attendance engaged in the topics

Motion to Adjourn by Dale Cusack; seconded by Cathy Wargas.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:32 p.m.