

**Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes of July 12, 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 7:03 p.m.

Roll call of members:

Present:

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

Absent:

Pat Madigan
Madeline Perez

Town Board Liaisons:

Present

Councilman Chris Ruthven

Absent:

Councilwoman Jamie McGlasson

Reading 2021 meeting minutes draft performed by Chairman Recher.

- Lifeguard staffing and hiring communications – Chairman Recher expressed thanks for email that went out about continued recruitment. Councilman Ruthven recommends hiring an instructor and offer a class.
- Update on bridge and dam renovation - Councilman Ruthven communicated no update, Insite Engineering has been working directly with the grant writers and the town supervisor has been sending some stronger emails to Insite expressing dissatisfaction.
- Review meeting outcomes with lifeguard supervisor on recommendations for 2021 – conversation revolved around the rotation of beaches regularly and docks/rafts have still not been put out. The chairman mentioned a healthy conversation took place at the meeting about these points but not a whole lot of response to them.
- Inquire agency report status regarding Canada Geese population – Due to insurance /liability issues, town counsel advised not to pursue with the agency. Councilman Ruthvan suggests perusing private companies for possible assistance.
- Review recommendations submitted for 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 6. – Councilman Ruthvan requested another updated list to take and discuss with the Crew Chief.
- Review former beach 5/Limni Restaurant property parking lot rental – Our workshop earlier in the evening concluded that we will continue to seek additional information and outline our recommendations and send to the liaisons.

- Update on bid for contractors to renovate and expand walking path – Councilman Ruthven reported they have not heard back from the contractor that the Crew Chief do a walk through with Walter Recher and Councilman Ruthven and plan to meet and walk the area to discuss extension of the path.
- Review recommendation/request for bids for signboards – Councilman Ruthvan states the public hearing on code change recommendations is open and will need to be finalized before signs could be confirmed. Interim, Walter Recher should resend proposal of signs to Councilman Ruthvan for review.
- Update on final editing for Park District #1 Rules and Regulations - Public hearing is open and discussion will take place at next town board meeting.
- Status of requisition for lighting at basketball court – Councilman Ruthvan is aware of the quote and needs to submit.
- Request for funding new flagpoles at 52 and 311 intersection and at Towners – Since this is part of the overall project (revised town code, new signs and flagpoles), Councilman Ruthvan is requesting a proposal for the flags be sent to him to which he will combined and recommend to the town board.
- Request for crew chief to weed and care for new tree at Terry Hill Rd and Lakeshore Dr E. – Councilman Ruthvan will speak with the Crew Chief about this area.
- Review update on plans for LCPD Summer Festival – Due to time restriction, no dialogue took place at the earlier workshop and the chairman states to convene a new workshop as the event is only a month away. The chairman will contact the tent/grill vendor to alert them of our event date. There are some items in the beach #6 storage shed that can be utilized. The chairman will push to have the town open an account with Ace Endico (vendor). Mention utilizing local vendors should always be the priority. Publication/announcement via Facebook, Survey Monkey and other means will be pursued. The lifeguard supervisor, local judges for community service candidates, police cadets and any other volunteers needed.
- Recap on LCPD Fishing Derby – Very nice event. Thanks was mentioned to all fellow committee members. Walter Recher highlighted work of board member Ulich for taking the lead and making the event a huge success. Local police sergeant with canine, DEC Officer, Joe Lopez. We are expecting a write up in the local paper and hope to keep as an annual event.
- LCPDAB candidate interview – The candidate was interviewed by our committee in the earlier workshop. A unanimous vote to recommend the candidate become a member of our committee will be forwarded to the town board in hopes of appointment.

Public Comment:

A community member expressed donation of trees he has grown on his property. Also, a community member asked if something could be done with the physical Lake Carmel Community Center building. Need to bring in more people to volunteer and attending meetings. Another community member expressed concern for erecting a playground at LCCC property and to consider more activities for seniors. Also, mention of repair to the handball court at the same property and possibly a bocce ball court was suggested by a resident, to which the chairman reiterated this committee does not have input to the LCCC property. He did recommend taking these concerns directly to the town board, as in the past. The chairman mentioned being contacted by the town recreation director to have dialogue about a 5K run on 9/11/21, as part of the Community Day/Weekend with details to follow.

Motion to Adjourn by Bob.Ulich, second by Cathy Wargas. Motion passed unanimously and adjournment at approximately 8:57 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 9th at 7 p.m.