

**Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes November 8, 2021**  
**Kent Town Hall**  
**25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY**

The meeting was called to order with Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Recher at 7:00 p.m.

**Advisory Board Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Chairman Walter Recher  
Jeanne Garbarino  
Jerri Jacobs  
Patricia Madigan  
Joe Nemeth  
Robert Ulich  
Cathy Vargas

**Absent:**

Vice Chair Dale Cusack  
Joseph Fleischman

**Town Board Liaisons:**

**Present:**

Councilwoman Jamie McGlasson

**Absent:**

Councilman Chris Ruthven

**Public in attendance:**

Kathy Doherty

October minutes were not available and reading was dispensed with. They will be completed and posted before the December meeting.

**Items:**

1. Beach openings/lifeguard staffing/certification/communication: 2021 Review/2022 plan – reviewed budget; Councilwoman McGlasson confirmed possibility to increase based on hiring additional. Chairperson Recher discussed advisory board support for increase promotion and communication via email, working with the town, Carmel School District emails, advertising, starting earlier in the year. Agreed to commence January 2022.
2. Reviewed final plan for LCPDAB budget; Chairperson Recher discussed need for improvement on planning earlier and disappointment in process and lack of response to our requests to meet in September, insufficient or late response to request for reporting on beach use for 2022 and pressed upon the need to improve the process. Councilwoman McGlasson agreed and committed to improve in 2022 and expressed there would be an opportunity to review an increase in our event budget to \$6,500. Chairperson Recher and other board members commented on the premise of contributions from the community from previous years that have resulted in a significant sum of money in our general fund, and the need to apply funds for lake improvements, including renovations to beaches 2, 4, and 7.

3. Reviewed status of bridge and dam renovation engineering study and grant application. Councilwoman McGlasson responded to advisory board's inquiry about status on Insite plan that there has not been any further response since they were awarded the engineering bid in August. Chairperson Recher expressed frustration with lack of response and asked about possibility to consider other vendors. Councilwoman McGlasson said that Insite experience would be helpful if they were maintained.
  4. Reviewed former Beach 5/Limni property plan to renovate parking lot and inquired about status of engineering study and design for property. Councilwoman McGlasson stated that it is under review.
  5. Chairperson inquired about contractor bids to renovate/expand walking path; Councilwoman McGlasson said that Councilman Ruthven has moved forward to solicit bids for engineering study for new surface and extension. Resident Kathy Doherty questioned process of asking for bids before we know what we were looking for, Chairperson Recher responded by saying it would be based on review and walkthrough with Councilman Ruthven with option to extend around/in front of Schwartz property.
  6. Chairperson asked for update on recommendation/request for bids for sign boards. Councilwoman McGlasson replied that they have gone out to bid.
  7. Chairperson asked for update request for funding new flagpoles at 52 and 311 intersection, Towners Road and asked to confirm they would be considered together. Councilwoman McGlasson confirmed and said they could be purchased by end of year.
  8. Chairperson asked for update on request to budget/hire lake scientist or manager for 2022. Councilwoman McGlasson confirmed this was included in budget for 2022 and asked for us to provide recommendations and guidelines. Jeanne Garbarino asked about the responsibilities of the person to be appointed/hired. Chairperson said we are looking at other community lake scientists for comparison and was in touch with Lake Mahopac and asked if Jeanne Garbarino could take lead on outline for advisory board to review and recommend.
  9. Chairperson asked about the status of beach sand reclamation possibility. Advisory board member Robert Ulich referenced impact on lake quality to continually add sand lost from storms and previous season's placement. Chairperson Recher and advisory board member Jeanne Garbarino commented on value of Lake Scientist to evaluate impact and help guide our direction and recommendations.
- Chairperson submitted for discussion schedule of advisory boards meetings for 2022. The advisory board voted unanimously to maintain second Monday of each month.
  - Chairperson submitted for discussion to review advisory board calendar of events for 2022. Advisory members agreed to plan for annual events as in past years – Fishing Derby, Summer Festival, Holiday Lighting Festival and Holiday Home Decoration Competition. Chairperson asked board to approve higher level prizes for Holiday Home Decoration Competition to \$125 first prize, \$100 second prize, \$75 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. All advisory members agreed. Chairperson volunteered to contact sponsors for support.
  - Chairperson submitted for discussion appointment of chairperson and vice chair for 2022 and asked to consider reviewing at a workshop. All members agreed. Date TBD.

- Chairperson submitted for discussion CSLAP volunteer recruiting, invited Robert Ulich to lead discussion. Robert Ulich asked board and public to volunteer May through October 2023. Chairperson asked for review of Adopt a Pipe program. Robert Ulich agreed to review in coming months.
- Chairperson submitted for discussion holiday event planning and inquired about the status of the Menorah donated by resident Bob Schwartz, purchase of holiday tree lights, plan/subcommittee for tree lighting and house decoration events. Cathy Vargas and Pat Madigan volunteered for holiday home lights competition. Pat Madigan and chairperson volunteered for holiday tree lighting celebration event. Pat Madigan asked if we could purchase more/new tree lights. Robert Ulich commented that new strings of lights had been purchased.
- Chairperson submitted for discussion community identification and reporting on lake quality/contamination/source and need to schedule a possible public meeting on who to call if something needs to be reported and who to report it to. Jerri Jacobs commented on need to address septic system cleaning and reporting and cited lack of follow-up and penalties for non-compliance. Discussion ensued that included comments by Councilwoman McGlasson mentioning improvement in monitoring, further comments by Jerri Jacobs, who recommended sending letter to those who have no septic cleaning reports on record after a 5-year period.

Motion to adjourn by Pat Madigan, seconded by Cathy Vargas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.