

**Lake Carmel Park District Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes for January 10th, 2022 Meeting**  
**7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Meeting called to order with Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Recher

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

Walter Recher, Chairman  
Joe Fleischman  
Jeanne Garbarino  
Jerri Jacobs  
Pat Madigan  
Joe Nemeth  
Robert Ulich  
Cathy Wargas

**Town Board Liaisons**

Supervisor Jaime McGlasson  
Councilman Chris Ruthven

**Absent:**

Dale Cusack, Vice Chairman

**Public in attendance:** S. Meyer and B. Schwartz

**Review Minutes from November meeting**

1. **Advisory Board Chairperson/Vice Chairperson Leadership Vote for 2022**
  - There was a majority vote to have Walter Recher remain chairperson and Jeanne Garbarino to serve as vice chairperson.
  - Congratulations to Supervisor McGlasson and Deputy Supervisor Ruthven by the board.
2. **Review Lake Carmel Park District Meeting and Events Schedule for 2022**
  - We request the meeting and event schedule be posted to the website. We will continue to hold meetings the second Monday of the month. Workshops as required. We would like to get communications out within the week. Jeanne suggested using google docs for organization and planning for easy access by members which will be especially helpful for new members to become familiar with the programs and the people who help make them happen.
3. **Liaisons – Review communication and plan to promote applications for Lifeguards**
  - Various options were discussed to promote/advertise the need for lifeguards such as the website, the Facebook page also using Indeed.
  - Jeanne will contact Mike O'Brien about offering training classes at the lake for new lifeguards. We are also in need of hiring a new Supervisor of Lifeguards.
4. **Liaisons - Update on bridge and dam renovation engineering study and grant application status**
  - The town has an engineering grant but have not heard from Insite Engineering and there has been no progress with them in 3 years. They also may sub the work out. They may meet later this month with another company. We need to hear from engineers as to what needs to get done to meet the standards of the DEC.

5. Liaisons – Update on engineering study for former beach 5/Limni property parking lot/property
  - Councilman Ruthven is in contact with Bruce Barber. This area is of major concern to the health of the lake. There was discussion on possible previous blacktop to be used East of Hudson Corp. Councilman Ruthven committed to working with contractor to move ahead and develop bid for work.
6. Liaisons – Update on contractor bids to renovate/expand walking path
  - Councilman Ruthven – this project is at a standstill at the moment. He shared that he was told they'd have something from Lothrop Associates for an engineering design.
  - Bridge at veteran's park to be included as part of the walking path project. Meeting required with FEMA – 2 levels of repairs are options: In kind repair or mediation to make improvements. FEMA would pay all but 15% of that project. Town is submitting grant applications for various projects around Lake Carmel due to Storm Ida.
7. Liaisons – Review request for bids for sign boards at Rte. 52/311 and Towners Road intersections, including LED option and new flagpoles
  - Request for a design and cost to replace current message boards. Chairman Recher stated they could be wired at low monthly cost from NYSEG, and that we would need to wait for NYSEG to facilitate connection. Chair also mentioned possible solar options which may lower cost.
8. Liaisons – Review recommendations for new signage at lake entries, around lake and at beaches
  - We discussed sign boards around the lake. Last year the board reviewed and revised rules and regulations and the plan is for the board to meet to work on details and verbiage.
9. Liaisons – Review start date, plans and activities for lake scientist/manager for 2022
  - Robert Ulich was going to look into getting a job description so we can post for a Lake scientist/manager. Supervisor McGlasson said she would call Town of Carmel to request the job description they have as they have the position filled. Chairman Recher reported on research and communication with Lake Mahopac scientist and would introduce to Vice Chair Garbarino and board member Ulich.
10. Presentation of Lake Carmel Park District Volunteer of the Year Award
  - On hold until a future date/February planned.
11. Review park district septic maintenance reporting, communication for compliance
  - We discussed the need for documenting and accountability and communicating and educating the Lake Community to the importance of Septic systems and their impact on the health of residents and the lake water. We discussed the 5-year requirement should be made to 3 years especially homes bordering the lake shore.
  - Education seems to be a key factor as many people are moving into the area and are totally unfamiliar with septic systems and their maintenance and their impact on the lake.
  - Jeanne Garbarino suggested informational videos to the website and other forms of communicating with the community as an ongoing effort to help the cause of issues instead of treating the outcomes.
12. Holiday Event Review and 2022 plan:
  - Reviewed budget, outcomes, need to review carefully overall costs and plan to reduce and manage them carefully. A new Menorah is being constructed for next year's Tree lighting event.

## **Public Comment**

## **Motion to adjourn by Chairman Recher, second Pat Madigan**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.**