

**Borough of Mountain Lakes  
Lakes Committee Meeting – September 3, 2019**

Attendance:

- Debra Dewing (Chair)
- Susan Ferguson
- Tina Gargano
- Ethan Grodofsky
- Andy Hilton (minutes)
- Jaro Mesicek
- Mike Russo
- Allison Rankin (Environmental Commission Liaison)
- Dan Happer (Council Liaison)
- Bob Schindler (Solitude)
- Mitch Stern (Borough Manager)
- Maimoonah Shafqat (Student Representative)
- Niralee Shah (Student Representative)

I. Approval of August minutes (approved)

II. Reports

Chair Report:

- 2020 Chairperson – motion to rotate Chairpersonship annually (March to December)
  - Borough Manger to prefer 2-year term
  - Solitude representative suggests interest and engagement more important than tenure/knowledge
- Annual report from Solitude be held in December, any material issues will be shared early (in Nov)

Borough Manager Report:

- New DPW director (Doug Edler) started this week with 31 years of experience. Most recently assistant director public works in Ringwood. Licensed water operator; storm water experience. Mitchell Stern to invite to future meeting; recommend he join December meeting to participate in Solitude’s annual presentation.
- Sept 24, 7 pm Borough Hall- open meeting to review proposal update for Sunset Lake dam repair (less intrusive to surrounding homeowners surrounding; construction to start Fall 2020).

Solitude Report:

- See Solitude reports for details on treatments and status.
- Solitude proposing late Sept/early Oct for hydro-raking before organic material settles again (2 machines, 2 full weeks planned).
- Milfoil in Mountain Lake may require sonar in 2020.

### III. Old Business

- Student clean out of Birchwood to be rescheduled for autumn with possible planting project in spring. Solitude to be present to provide education. Clear material at Crystal inlet. Students request that the event count as part of service hours required for all 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Propose to cap participation at 12-15 kids. No planting in Fall; hold for Spring. Propose Oct 12 or 19 from 10-noon.

### IV. New Business

- In the Spring, Solitude willing to provide education to homeowners along shoreline on how to install land-based living shoreline. Will clarify further.
- Discussion around how to deal with Borough property along Cove that has no vegetative buffer and is experiencing erosion. Debra to provide plan for planting that was never installed. Dan Happer to address with Council.
- Suggestion to hold public meeting to address blue-green algae issue was floated for consideration by the Committee. Committee feels that community interest in such a meeting would be low, especially given the amount of information being proactively offered to the community about Mountain Lake very proactive lakes management process.
- Suggestion for Lakes Committee to engage with Trout Derby Committee to raise consideration of alternative fish to trout for derby in effort to support the sustainable growth of fish populations in our lakes.

### V. Public Comment – none

Adjourned 8:55pm

Next Meeting: October 1, 2019