

# Minutes

## Lakes Management Advisory Committee

June 2, 2020 7:30p.m. Amended COVID-19 teleconference format

Present: Borough Manager Mitchell Stern, , Solitude Lake Management representative Bob Schindler, Committee Chair Debra Oliver Dewing, Alpesh Amin, Ethan Grodofsky, Bud Luzzi, Scott Kuehm, Andy Hilton, Tina Gargano, Environmental Commission liaison Allison Rankin

Not present: Borough Council Liaison Tom Menard, Jaro Mesicek, Mike Russo

### Committee Chair Opening (Debra Oliver Dewing)

- Environmental Commission Hydrogeology Report: Update request by Environmental Commission liaison
  - Muskrat question was raised. Does not seem to be an issue.
  - Beaver are also not a current issue; we haven't trapped since prior to 2017. Per follow-up with prior committee chair Susan Ferguson, we trapped in December of 2015 and the trapper took a few more out in 2016, according to a note from then-Borough Manager Rich Scheola. After that it was determined that the beavers had left, which the trapper confirmed in 2017.
  - Correction to the number of aerators at Birchwood, there are 10 not 2 (6 off beach, 4 in swim lanes.)
  - Debra to review further amendments with Allison offline
- Eagle Scout project - Yash Samat, proposed a few ideas;
  1. Developing an Aquatic habitat within our lakes (Debra not sure if this meets the requirements of an Eagle Scout project)
  2. Using Drone technology to map lakes (Committee felt this may not be very well received by residents; increasing regulations likely to prohibit)
  3. Organizing a Cleanup Project
- Alpesh and Ethan volunteered to work with Yash on formulating this project.

### Borough Manager Update (Mitchell Stern)

- Island Beach projected to open June 20, not sure if snack bar will be able to open.
- Drawdown scheduled for some time after Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, Mitch doesn't think we will need to delay it. This will be discussed further in the July meeting. Refill to begin by December 1.
- People will not be allowed to congregate on Midvale dock. This will be monitored by the Ranger Program – Class 2 Special Police. Docks are for use of water crafts only.

## Solitude Lake Management Report (Bob Schindler)

- Milfoil is down, not much left, mostly found in the Cove.
- Bassweed is growing. It is a desirable native plant, good at current density although may bother residents.
- There is some lily growth on Crystal Lake, it is good for the habitat. Current density okay.
- Birchwood will probably require one herbicide treatment not 2. Autumn 2020 hydroraking projection: 1 week x 2 machines.
- Mountain Lake will require an alum treatment this year before the algae bloom. Last one, 2012.
- Wildwood Lake looked good, will not need much attention.
- There was a grey look on the lake, it was insect exoskeleton. Nothing to be concerned about.

## Living Shoreline Proposal

- We need to get council liaison update.
- We still have the maintenance issue, with not enough manpower.
- Will request that Tom link with Bob for a proposal to have Solitude maintain the Living Buffer.
- It was mentioned that adjacent house on the cove is for sale and it may be a good time to address this issue.