

Minutes

Lakes Management Advisory Committee

September 1, 2020 7:30p.m. Amended COVID-19 teleconference format

Present: Committee Chair Debra Oliver Dewing, Alpesh Amin, Tina Gargano, Ethan Grodofsky, Andy Hilton, Frank Luzzi

Solitude Lake Management representative Bob Schindler, Borough Council Liaison Tom Menard

Student Auxiliary Members: Yash Samat, Ben Schuckman

Community Member: Lucas Stelling

Not present: Mike Russo, Scott Kuehm, Jaro Mesicek, Borough Manager Mitchell Stern, Environmental Commission Liaison Allison Rankin, Student Auxiliary Member Lukas Dequina

Note: Difficult access to Zoom may have prevented some attendees.

Committee Chair Opening (Debra Oliver Dewing)

- Welcome Community Member Lucas Stelling
- Approval of Minutes from August 12th meeting: Andy and Tina 2nd
- Jaro Mesicek is on a week-long solo Sail and we are informed that after serving 16 years on the Lakes Committee he will be resigning. We hope he will continue his involvement in some capacity.
- Autumn Hydroraking Projects: Bob to refine plans, coordinating with Mitch and Ferriero Engr
 - Birchwood; project will begin, end of September or early October
 - Other areas of concern are the Cove end of Mountain Lake, near the inlet stream where the new bridge was built. Bob doesn't think we can get to those other areas without a new permit. He will address the permit issue with the Engineer
- Autumn Clean-up Project; The canal was identified as an area in need of work. Bud and Ethan will kayak the canal this week to identify what needs to be done and check access at ML Club end. Yash and Ben added that they agree that it would be a good project for the high school students. Tom, Ethan and Andy agreed to help the students coordinate the project. Hope is to raise interest and awareness and to involve residents on adjacent Larchdell Way.

Solitude Lake Management Report (Bob Schindler)

- Mountain Lake - the algae bloom from last month has been corrected. Another treatment was done to prevent a future bloom
- Wildwood experienced some bloom that has been naturally alleviated
- Grunden's looks ok, but water levels are low, as they are on all the lakes
- Sunset has had some water lily increase and needs treatment
- Crystal had a small green algae bloom that dissipated on its own

- Water primrose has popped up on Mountain and Wildwood lakes and needs to be treated. It first was observed in the Canal and treated
- Re water levels
 - Crystal and Sunset okay
 - Birchwood, Mountain, Wildwood, Grunden's down 12-15". Birchwood refill, in particular, will take time
- Next week treatment of vegetation on dams is anticipated

December 8, 2020, annual meeting

- The annual meeting is set. Bob will be ready with his presentation. He will test presentation technology prior to the 8th. We hope that, as time nears, our students will promote the presentation to fellow MLHS students interested in lakes, science, environmental issues

2021 Living Shore Line project

- Tom says that the Borough Council wants more info. Biggest concern is ongoing maintenance. Debra wants a proposal in hand before the presentation to the Borough.

Fallen trees

- Andy has been approached by neighbors asking who is responsible for fallen trees affecting the lakes. The question has received different answers over the years. We will clarify with Mitch the correct answer.

Know Your Lakes (League of Women Voters) publication

- Jaro Mesicek, during August meeting, brought forward idea of broader dissemination and possible updating of this publication, which is informative and could be additional, useful tool for communicating lake stewardship best practices
- Student Auxiliary Member Yash Samat would like to digitize to enable better access and updating ability
- Debra to reach out to League of Women Voters regarding effort to digitize. (Not committing at this time to updating.)