

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ**  
**LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes**  
Minutes for September 3, 2024 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

**1. Call to Order**

A monthly meeting of the Lakes Management Advisory Committee was held in August 2024 on Zoom teleconference. It began at 7:30 PM and was presided over by chairperson Derek Jackson.

**2. Attendees**

Voting Members in attendance: Alpesh Amin, Lucien Foster, Andy Hilton, Derek Jackson, Wayne Roth

Non-voting Members in attendance: Chris Richter (Borough Council Liaison), Mitchell Stern (Borough Manager), Bob Schindler (Tigris Lake Management), Kelsey Dages (Student Representative), Scott Minitier (Student Representative)

Members not in attendance: Debra Dewing, Jason Miner, Nikki Riley, Mike Russo, Billy Barrett (Student Representative), Jack Buckley (Student Representative), Jackie Bay (Environment Commission Liaison)

Guests in attendance: None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on August 6, 2024 was made by Derek Jackson and seconded by Wayne Roth.

**4. Borough Management Report**

Report was presented by Mitchell Stern.

- Sunset Lake – See below
- Birchwood Lake swim lane update – see below
- Wildwood and Mountain Lake will be lowered. The borough will remove excess sand accumulation near the Island Beach bridge and the walls will be repaired
- Aerators in Birchwood failed during the summer of 2024. There was a RFQ to get the equipment back in working order, and to own the maintenance work moving forward. Shadow Lake will also be checked.
- Crystal Lake tested cleanly and the public was notified.

**5. Tigris Lake Management Report**

Report was presented by Bob Schindler.

- DEP treatment proposal application status – pending in the next few weeks. Tigris needs to communicate with the DEP to better understand what can be requested in the permits. It is unclear if permits can be obtained at the borough level or must be applied at the lake level.
- Will be on Sunset Lake tomorrow. In addition, herbicide will be applied to the lilies at Birchwood and Crystal, and water primrose will be sprayed on Mountain and Wildwood Lakes.

## **6. Old Business**

- Sunset Lake – The lake continues to fill, albeit slowly. There are a few cleanup activities taking place around the construction site. Grass was planted. A water level gauge was or will be added. Additional boards have been put in the dam since the last meeting. The lake level will be 528.2 vs the prior level of 528.17.
- Crystal Lake HAB – we have no new information to help us determine the cause. Despite that, we should proactively treat it with Alum to start the year. That would differ from historical treatment but based on the observations this year may be necessary.
- Birchwood Swim Lanes – The low water depth in the lanes was made worse by the lake level being down. That may buy us some time if there are no dry summers. However, we need to investigate further to determine how much can and needs to be removed. The recreation director and lawyer will be consulted to determine the recommended depth and next steps

## **7. New Business**

- Several trees have fallen down around the lake. There are a few at the southern end of the lake near Cove Point and one near Midvale boat dock.
- Introduction of new student members.
  - Kelsey Dages – Freshman at MLHS. Home is on Mountain Lake and wants to learn how to help care for and preserve the lakes.
  - Scott Minter – Freshman at MLHS. An avid fisherman. Enjoyed the reports from Wayne and would be happy to get involved in the wildlife survey.

## **8. Announcements**

Next meeting October 1, 2024

## **9. Adjournment**

Derek Jackson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Wayne Roth seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:20 PM