LAKE COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 4TH, 2019

ATTENDEES:, Mike Freedman, Ed Clark, Bob Fehon, Tom Alameda, John O’Connor, Keith Small, Jim Tierney, Henry Passarotti, Gerry Primavera, Art Carroll, Michael Lynch, Christine Matrisciano, Mark Didricksen, Scott Rothbart, Jim Devonmille, Ed Kowalski, Alan Zenkert

MEETING START TIME: 7:30 pm ADJOURNED: 8:25 pm

**OLD BUSINESS**

The minutes from March were unanimously approved.

Informed Committee Board on how boat registration concluded, and that April 10th is when a second boat per family could be registered and April 17th all canoe racks can then be opened for kayaks.

\*Informed Committee trout and perch stocking that took place yesterday, April 3rd.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Some discussion covered adding or not adding more kayak racks. It was noted that space has rapidly become depleted and that there is very little space left particularly on beach one and two. It has already been noted that it seems Beach one is already saturated and complaints have come in saying that beach space is becoming too limited for swimmers.
* Discussed the carp (name to be determined) “round-up”. Scott Rothbart volunteered to help with the making of an announcement in the Newsletter. Discussed that it should take place in May, but time is short to organize for that. It ought to be a one-day event since it is easier to organize and this may help set up the rest of the summer as a learning event. Disposal and other guidelines we need to check on the State’s website.
* Mike Freedman provided information on perimeter planting.

The possible benefits are:

1) Reduce loss from birds & animals.

2) Provide beneficial shade for fish.

3) Protect small fish to enhance survival rates.

4) Beautification.

5) Use up excess waste from fish.

6) May possibly make it more difficult for geese to enter our property.

The committee saw no problem with the idea.

I suggested various types of plants but said that I would check with our 2 vendors to see what plants they would recommend.

Discussed was the possibility of it creating work for the maintenance crew as culling of overgrowth will be needed. Height of the plants may make it difficult for fishermen and seated guest to see and enjoy the lake. It may not provide the goose control expected unless the entire perimeter is done and that is unlikely with the nature of private lakefront properties. Mike gave heights of the variety of plants and only some would possibly block the view or make fishing difficult.

* Discussion on goose control. There was once a time when the DEP came in to remove geese, but the cost of having them doing it became prohibitive. Egg addling, using dogs, kayaks and drones to chase them are largely ineffective due to the difficulties of trespassing on private properties. It was pointed out that the "goosinator" was no longer available as the batteries were no longer usable.
* Gerry Primavera discussed that there is concern for some local communities to better manage their water run off from parking lots and other non-porous surfaces. The State is concerned about how it could be a flooding hazard and also promote the influx of toxins to water bodies.
* Gerry Primavera discussed COLA meeting on April 13th. All committee members could benefit from joining us at the COLA Meeting after 8:30AM for coffee, pastry, and fresh fruits followed by presentations by NJDEP regarding lake permitting rules and the NJ State Marine Bureau regarding Boating Safety. The meeting starts at 9AM and meeting our counterparts from several dozen other lake communities is always enjoyable. Normally it’s a 3 hour session, but feel free to step out at any time that you wish to move onto your other commitments.
* Discussed again Festival Day Lake Information Table – a good place to promote lake safety, boating safety etc. Another request for volunteers was made to staff the booth.
* A “Severe Weather/Hurricane Plan” is in development to be shared with the Committee to finalize at March meeting. Points included are: emergency recovery, power outlets, power cable come alongs to hold docks to land temporarily more well supported against stresses of weather, emergency number on your boat application, text blast. Also discussed was the need to inform the board and the office that a text blast may include the provision of allowing boaters to beach their boats should urgency surpass our planning efforts to attempt to have boats removed from the docks.
* Discussed pumping out boats that are filling with water to protect against sinking and spilling of oil and gasoline. Should volunteers or maintenance staff need to do this, we would attach a weather proof sign with a zip tie to their boat displaying what State provision we helped them avoid violating. Additionally, the note will state that next year we will be invoking a fee for such a service. The sign is large and bright enough to get the attention of the owner and inform other boaters as well. How this would be done and possibly brought before the board is the next step.
* Lake committee chairs will coordinate tree removal and discuss the swampy condition near the bleachers by the clubhouse with Maintenance.