

LAKE WALKILL COMMUNITY, INC.

Management Committee Meeting – Open Session

June 18, 2022

TRUSTEE		OFFICERS			DISTRICT REPS	
Mike Curry	*	Bob Smith	President	*	#1 Jack Jerschina	*
Carmel Greico	*	John Farrelly	VP	*	#2 Dottie Ward	*
BT Thompson	*	Tim Olsen	VP Ins	E	#3 Kerri Summa	E
Rosemary DenBleyker	E	Bob MacLean	VP Lake Management	*	#4 Vacant	
Chris Merck	*	Denise DeSimon	VP Safety/Sports	*	#5 Jeanette Becz	*
		Lynne LaCarrubba	VP Security	E	#6 Larry McGannon	*
		Jennifer Costello	Secretary	*	#7 John Brill	*
		Peggy Merck	VP Community Relations	*	#8 Alexis Phalon	*
		Paul Foucaud	Treasurer	*	#9 Laurie Hohnarth	*
					#10 Vacant	
Manager Shawn Reardon n/a						
* = in attendance E=excused U=unexcused						

MINUTES OF MEETING

Bob calls meeting to order at 10:02am.

Jennifer leads group in the pledge of allegiance.

Welcome to the 2022 season!

Any questions/comments on minutes from May 28th meeting? Bob asks for a motion to accept minutes. Jeanette motions, Peggy seconds. Motion carries.

Treasurers Report:

2022 Budget planned for 304 DPM. As of 6/15 – 300 members paid or signed payment plan.

Management Committee has detailed MPS list in front of them. Normally would be discussed in a closed session. Do not use names or addresses – use number in left hand key. #8 & #14 in process. Salmon color we think could pay in the next 12-18 months. Any questions? Please keep confidentiality on this list. Will put a list up of who paid as in past years on the bulleting board.

Season Open Reports:

Lifeguards: Denise – we have received the ok from the county health department that we can have 15-year-old lifeguards. Received apps from outside of the lake. Friends of Julia Gregory (who will be the head guard). Somewhere between 6-9 taking course with Melissa. Plan is as long as the accept offer of employment will schedule lifeguards 16 and over first. Fill in with the 15-year-olds and come August there will be plenty of hours. Under 18 will need to get working papers.

Sports Club: Terence Boyle will run again. Will leave for college in August and address training of a replacement or disband.

Security: Comet has started in security. Need to check the status of the badge checker. Bob M asked should they be in their car or working from the guard shack. Bob will check with Lynn.

Operations: Water system is on. Problem with pump yesterday was some pressure issues. Was fixed. Road maintenance has been completed. 2.7 miles of road were completed. Had Cosh do some asphalt work on swales where their equipment is needed to complete the work. Shawn and his helpers installed 48 tons of asphalt for road repairs prior to oil & chip. Completed all roads in 2-year period except for the ones that were previously asphalted. Beach will be setup next week. Lake Management company asked for us not to put the lines in while they were doing the alum treatment for boat access.

Board Roundtable:

Peggy – 4 club rentals in Spring. One end of August one weekend after Labor Day

John – even number district rep elections this year. Call for nominations due back by June 30th. Dottie Ward has advised she will be stepping down. Need someone for district 2.

Bob M – lake in good shape. Herbicide went in. Weeds came down well. Alum went in to take nutrients out of the water column and control algae. Spot algae popping up will come in to do the treatments.

Clock at office – bird nest with babies on top of the clock. So, holding off on battery for now.

Bob: Water testing done. Samples of water that flows into the lake. Following a moderate rain event. Sent off to garden state labs. Not a lot of data to what good looks like vs, the results. EPA sets a control limit that will help you manage the length of eutrophication cycle and keep the lake from dying out. Lab director – total phosphorous among the lower numbers he has seen from other lakes, whose numbers are much higher. Look for ways to drive number lower. The stream from Mountainside which we thought was going to be an issue as it gets run off from the leaf area was among the lowest number. We will look for places where we can plant certain types of grasses and other beneficial plants that would naturally absorb nutrients (littoral zone). Should we use bio char? Some challenges with that. Floating gardens where stream enters the lake. All these measure cost money. Start with Wallkill Dr and Union Rd that is where the highest levels currently. Take another sample at the end of the summer when at our highest load. This testing cost \$2,200. Other lakes have been successful at getting grants. Need to be more aggressive on looking at that, Highlands Commission for water quality enhancement. Sources of total phosphorous – septic, certain detergents, and soil erosion. Last meeting passed resolution around septic pumping - every 3 years. Not starting fee until 2024. Check all soaps and detergents. On soil erosion, establishing edging of roads and putting some asphalt curbs in is another way to limit the nitrogen runoff into the lake. Sources of nitrogen – animal waste and pet waste. Walking dog and not picking up after dogs end up right in the lake. Any type of fertilizer with nitrogen and phosphorous should not be used.

Mentioned donation received in memory of Roger Berquist. Tres planted at entrance (lower parking lot).

Thank you, letter, read from the family. Included with minutes.

Insurance quote received this week. Last year 45k. This year 46.3k. Planned for the increase in the budget this year.

K Freeman has volunteered to re-finish the clubhouse floor.

8 more benches are planned. Have commitment for 4. Previously were \$500. Now \$650 due to inflation on materials. Will have enough to populate boardwalk and possibly a few other places.

BT – committee for open BBQ met earlier. Having it on Sunday the 3rd, movie to follow. Volunteers welcome. Will be at the clubhouse.

Bob S – 2 open fence issue. Hilltop and Cedar – putting back black original fence that was originally approved.

2nd one is application from Mike and Vicky Smith. Proposing landscaping. Any questions? Leaving stockade fence as is, add the landscape which is in our guidelines. Comment or questions? Laurie – do we not have standards? We have guidelines, not standard. Lake has 6 ft. fences in several locations as well. Take a motion, John B second John F. 11 voted yes. Motion passes

General Membership Comments:

Susan Muller 8 Lakeside Dr. - Feels like the bleacher area are not geared for the kids. Bleacher's seat 72 people. Bleacher safety regulations limit height of top seat to 30 inches off the ground (which ours comply with) ...once you go over 30 inches safety cages have to be added. The safety cages have to be 84 inches tall (7 feet), this doubles the cost of the bleacher and the cages are very unsightly. For that reason, we selected a bleacher height that would be functional but not require the safety cages. Thank you for your opinion.

Mary Kathryn Van Didden 9 Cedar Lane – Clubhouse rentals. Take into consideration maybe being able to come in earlier to set up. Taking down everything because there was a rental the next day was a challenge. Can we have more time to dismantle. Peggy – take that feedback to the committee. When do you think you will have that? Can we have them before the end of the summer? Peggy will talk to the committee.

John Kelly – 5 Windbeam – with addition of the 15-year-old lifeguards, have we checked with the insurance co? The issue is the red cross certifies people at the age of 15. Went to a lake meeting and there was a fact sheet about federal labor guidelines. Sussex County Board of Health is the governing body for our lake. In the state of NJ, it goes by what the certifying bodies rules are. Clarification we got was that as long as our lifeguards are certified by one of the bodies approved by the state of new jersey, we would be complying.

Anne Mazet 24 Lakeside Dr. – frustrated with weeds and algae. As 1st time homeowner, windy and swampy. Have public dock at end of lane. Bugs are very bad. Is a bubbler something that would help with the bugs? Can we do a raking party? There are no restrictions to you adding a bubbler or fan. What is on the lake right now brown and black algae. Reason is treatment robbed algae of the nutrients and drives them to the bottom of the lake. We should then be able to manage with some spot treatments. Last season we waited until wind blew over to the dam, and raked it over the dam. Unique problem. On list to inventory docks and do some repair. Lumber pries last year were prohibitive.

Bob asks for a motion to adjourn. Mike motions, Carmel seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 11:00.

18 Management Committee members in attendance.