

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force  
Minutes of 10/6/25

Present: Ben Elliott, Christine Ward, Bill Meier, Dale Abrams, Cindy Schoenfeld. Also present Chris Rembold.  
Absent: Andy Didio, Brandee Nelson

RECAPOF2025:

Chris gave an update that the construction is completed and all that is left are record drawings and the Certificate of compliance.

Bill said lifeguards worked hard this past summer but the goose droppings were a big problem.

Christine said yoga had to be moved to another locale because of the geese & unsanitary conditions. She added GBLC held a bluegrass music event, and hosted Tom Tynning who gave a reptiles + amphibians talk to kids and adults.

She added we should be aware that others like CHP also hold events - this year at beach, trails, and first time ever along the new lake side path.

She said it's great to see people who are physically challenged be able to use the area including the lake side and park.

PLANTINGS:

Christine and Dale noted the plantings did very well but keeping after invasives (on land & in lake) will be ongoing and never ending

OTHER:

Bill noted the path to the beach is eroding again, and although better than before, it's not solved.

Cindy asked if there is a guarantee or warranty still in place. Chris will review with the engineers.

Simon's Rock

It was noted the college was a great partner over the years. Members asked if the area around the lake owned by Simon's Rock is developable or protected, and perhaps formalizing protections would be important.

GEESE

Cindy researched a company called "Wild Goose Chase" which prevents and manages geese using kayaks to find nests + trained dogs to harass geese. She said they indicate that destroying nests is critical. She said they also use snow fence because geese that cannot yet fly cannot get past it. She said they charged about \$4500 total last year at Prospect take. Members thanked Cindy.

Dale added York lake used rubber hoses to mimic snakes

Members felt we should follow up on these ideas and consider where to get the money. Ben said this seems like a small price to pay to take care of the problem. Some money up front could save labor later.

Chris will follow up

PHRAGMITES : Chris noted he's trying to get cost estimates to have it removed. Dale said there are now 3 areas.

Task Force duties - Tabled until next meeting, with possible community discussion to be hosted on a Saturday.

At 4:55pm Christine moved to adjourn, Dale seconded, On roll call vote all were in favor

Minutes by:

Chris Rembold

