

NOTE: please find 2 accountings of our 11/9 minutes, as we saw the passing of the pen from our long term recording secretary, Nina Evans to Amy Pulver, DPW Planning Adm.

LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE MINUTES 11/09/15 NEvans

PRESENT: C. Ward (chair), N. Evans, G. Lachance, B. Nelson, K. Plungis, Amy Pulver (see below), C. Rembold (ex officio), J. Sokul

NEXT MEETING: Tentatively scheduled for Monday, 12/14/15 but will depend on KZLA availability; C. Ward will notify us of possible alternatives.

NEW LMITF SECRETARY: A hearty welcome to Amy Pulver, administrative assistant of J. Sokul and C. Rembold (thank you both!). She will henceforth perform all secretarial duties for LMITF, including recording meeting minutes which, since LMITF's inception, has been done by N. Evans.

MINUTES OF 9/14/15 AND 10/13/15: Approved as written

DPW UPDATE: Fall cleanup of park and road to be completed over next two weeks.

2015 PARKS REPORT: Completed, summarizing a good season with very extensive use of all facilities. Suggested areas of concern : beach erosion, illegal parking when lot is filled, lake weeds, vehicular speeding, wish for more bike racks. J. Sokul pointed out, to general agreement, that rather than attempting to deal with any of these piecemeal we should await the process led by KZLA over next few months. Lake weed suppression fabric needs to be replaced.

LMA STEWARDSHIP : Trails in Town Forest mulched by volunteers from Berkshire School.

LAKE WATER QUALITY MONITORING: Tom Coote reported a single episode of a high concentration of toluene and acetone at the outlet drain from Castle Street. Subsequent email stated that a retest a week later no longer contained either volatile substance. C. Rembold and C. Ward will write to watershed residents reminding them not ever to put such substances (e.g. paint thinners) into storm/wastewater drains.

PLAQUE: To be placed at boat launch to thank the land donor.

LAKE MANSFIELD COMMUNITY FORUM#1: Effective wide-ranging (newspaper, Edge, poster, radio, website, Hill googlegroup) publicity resulted in 60 some attendees. Meeting yielded about five pages of suggestions, to be put in order by KZLA. Underrepresented in attendance : family groups (move forum to Saturday instead of a school night? have a special family event?); aged (contact Senior Center); kids (contact school superintendent Dillon re having the survey in school). Also contact CHP; translate survey into Spanish; contact lake abutters . KZLA will meet with LMITF in December (next forum is in January) to discuss plans for that event.

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Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Minutes / APulver
Monday November 9 2015, 8:30 AM
Town Hall 2nd floor meeting room

Present were Christine Ward, Joe Sokul, Gaetan Lachance, Nina Evans, Brandee Nelson, Kathy Plungis & Chris Rembold (ex-officio)
Amy Pulver, DPW/Planning Admin

- Motion made to approve LMITF Meeting Minutes as written for 10.13.15 and 9.14.15, all were in favor.

- Updates from Task Force Members
 - DPW/ park care and road improvements
 - Fall cleanup is wrapping up
 - 2015 Summer Parks Report
 - Berkshire South Regional Community Center's report listed issues
 - The increased amount of weeds
 - Beach erosion, water drainage from the road
 - Traffic speed
 - Paul Gibbons was to check in with Chief Walsh regarding how many speeding citations were given this season
 - Bike racks are needed at the boat launch and beach areas
 - JSokul suggested the Task Force wait to hear from KZLA before moving on these issues as their plan will include many of these topics
 - LMA stewardship
 - The deteriorating weed fabric has been removed
 - There is an estimate being worked on for replacing the fabric
 - This will be paid for by Parks
 - CWard received 21 student volunteers from Berkshire School
 - Mulch was spread along the trail
 - Privet was also weeded along the trail
 - CWard has been leaf blowing leaves off the trail
 - CWard noted that the kiosks are a bit out dated
 - CREmbold suggested a simple printed update
 - There will be a plaque placed on the rock near the boat launch letting people know that land had been donated
 - Water Quality Monitoring
 - CREmbold was contacted by Tom Coote, Water Quality Program Supervisor regarding a sample taken in the Castle Hill drainage culvert catch basin on 10/22/15
 - The sample contained toluene and acetone.
 - Tom samples monthly
 - BNelson suggested testing with a PID (Photo Ionization Detector)
 - JSokul confirmed the Waste Water Treatment Plant has a PID
 - CREmbold suggested an educational mailing to residents in the watershed highlighting the dangers of dumping.
 - CWard suggested seeking information from Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to mail to residents in the watershed.
- Review of Lake Mansfield Community Forum
 - Over all a very successful, positive and well organized meeting.
 - 60 people were in attendance
 - Derik Gentile, of the Berkshire Eagle was in attendance.
 - CREmbold will reach out and ask about a follow up article.
 - KZLA did an excellent job keeping the topics on task and the meeting running smoothly.
 - The survey is still active and collecting data.
 - CWard would like to focus on specific groups of residents to continue gather information
 - Specific groups suggested were, students that use Berkshire South, the GB Senior Center, CHP, food banks, as well as families with children.
 - Suggestion was made to share the survey through the schools email lists.

- BNelson to reach out to Peter Dillon.
- Suggestion was made to translate survey into Spanish.

- Citizen Speak
 - No citizens attending.

- Next LMITF meetings:
 - LMITF MEETING DECEMBER 14th
 - Specific time and location forthcoming

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Pulver
DPW/Planning Admin
11/09/2015



