

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force

Minutes of Monday, April 11, 2016 at 4:30 PM

Task Force Members Present: Christine Ward (CW), Joe Sokul (JS), Gaetan Lachance (GL), Bill Cooke (BC), Nina Evans (NE), Dale Abrams (DA), Brandee Nelson (BN), Kathy Plungis (KP), and Chris Rembold (CR) (ex-officio).

Absent: Deb Phillips (DP)

The meeting was called to order at 4:30.

1. Business:

- a. Minutes of March 14, 2016. Minor amendments were made. DA moved to approve as amended, KP seconded, all were in favor.
- b. Updates from Task Force Members
 - i. DPW: JS said springtime is beginning and they will begin to shift staff to begin the seasonal work in cemeteries and parks. JS also mention he has met with Woodard and Curran staff to discuss PDM (pre disaster mitigation) funds towards improving the lake outlet. It's a 75% grant with 25% local match requirement. There has been positive feedback from DEP and MEMA about this project as a good candidate for the funds.
 - ii. Parks: KP wanted to make sure the porta potties are put out before Lake Day.
 - iii. LMA stewardship / LMA Newsletter: CW said Lake Day is Saturday April 30 in the morning. DA mentioned some trees near the vernal pool have been marked with red paint, perhaps for cutting. JS said it might be the utility company. They would provide a list to the Town Tree Warden if they are in the town right of way. If they are on private property they need the permission of the owners. GL will follow up with the conservation agent about permitting requirements for trimming/cutting trees in wetland areas.
- c. Water Quality Monitoring: DA received an update from Tom Coote at Simon's Rock about the toluene and VOCs (volatile organic compounds) in water tests. Contrary to what was reported at the last task force meeting, these are not lab errors, but actual results. They are not sure why these chemicals are present, but they are occurring in some samples. CR will follow up with Tom Coote for more information.

2. MEETING FOCUS: Lake Mansfield Improvement Planning

- a. CW read a summary of results of Survey #3 to date, provided by Danielle at KZLA. We have received 247 responses as of today. The survey is still open for respondents.
 - i. The Task Force decided to leave the survey open until the end of the day on Sun. April 24.
 - ii. The Task Force was reminded to do more outreach, including e-blasts. Outlets include the school newsletter, CHP, Berkshire South, the Senior Center, & the Libraries.
 - iii. It was discussed whether the results to Question #5 about the rankings should weight and/or group into categories some of the questions. CW and CR will follow up with the planning team, KZLA.
- b. The draft outline of the final report, provided by Danielle at KZLA, was discussed. There was general consensus that it was a good outline.

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- c. CW asked if there was other information the Task Force members needed.
 - i. GL suggested a site visit to envision in the field the various scenarios such as road width, parking lot locations, road alignments, etc. It was agreed this would be useful. CW and CR will coordinate with the hope of scheduling for the coming week, the week of April 18.
 - ii. CW said she would want more information about what a narrow, 2-way, park road would look like. Would it be striped with lane markings for example?

3. Citizen Speak

- a. A citizen recommended the survey results be weighted or categorized to better understand people's preferences.
- b. A citizen asked that the report make clear how different improvement options might impact people's taxes or not.
- c. A citizen asked that the final report discuss different options for paving materials.
- d. A citizen asked that speed bumps be considered.
- e. A citizen asked what the bank stabilization would look like. CW said we do not know, but this Task Force has a strong preference for a natural looking solution.

4. Establish dates and times for next LMITF meetings:

- a. Site visit next week to be announced
- b. Regular meeting Monday, May 9th at 8:30 am

5. On a motion by JS, seconded by DA, and all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,



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