Borough of Mountain Lakes

Lakes Management Advisory Committee Meeting

November 5, 2013

**Present**

Chair: Susan Ferguson

Members: Bailey, Dewing, Kuehm, Mesicek, Tippy, Wexler

Manager: Robert Tovo

Council Liaison: Doug McWilliams

Allied Biological: Chris Doyle

Environmental Commission: Alison Rankin

Student member: Max Weinstein

Opened at 7:31

**Chair**

* October minutes approved
* Moved to the Manager’s Report
* Discussion of membership. Committee requested Council accept the resignation of a member who is unfortunately unable to attend. Council has the authority and responsibility to officially address the Committee needs and recognize service of the member.
* Discussion of the Year-end Report and promoting attendance.
* Discussion of 2014 Goals. Review of 2013. Include education of citizens as in prior years. Include monitoring changes in Crystal Lake water quality. Add monitoring of Sunset dam work.
* Discussion of Cove project: Need for additional planting to improve riparian/limnological buffer and appearance. Agreed that Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) considerations are not part of the responsibilities of the Lakes Committee. Discussion of maintenance issues. Conclusion that the Committee did not control the project but would like the Council to address the problems of the existing area and return it to its intended condition per the Centennial design. Committee recommended that the Council Liaison carry back its concerns that the function and appearance of the Cove be maintained and that part of the purpose of a native plant buffer is as an example project/education source for lake property owners.

**Manager’s** **Report**

* Discussion of completed projects. Canal cleaning went well. FEMA processing grant.
* Sunset dam project. Dam will remain Tier 2 rather than High Hazard. Beginning planning for 2014 and beyond. Working with DEP.

**Allied Biological**

* Completed hydro-raking. 58 hours on Mountain and Wildwood. Final report as part of the year end report.
* Discussion of content of year-end comments.

**New Business**

Brief discussion of a resource for information on lakeside plant/wet mesic soil plants.

<http://www.prairiemoon.com/seed-mixes/detention-basin.html>

Adjourned 8:46 PM

Next meeting December 3, 2013