Borough of Mountain Lakes

Lakes Management Advisory Committee Meeting

September 2, 2014

**Present**

Chair: Manager serving as meeting chair

Members: Dewing, Kuehm, Mesicek, Tippy

Manager: Robert Tovo

Council Liaison: Bill Albergo

Allied Biological: Glenn Sullivan

Environmental Commission: Alison Rankin

Member of public: Max Weinstein

Opened at 7:35

**Chair**

* August minutes approved
* Moved to the Manager’s Report

**Manager’s** **Report**

* Discussion of resolution of beaver issues. Trappers engaged for 2014 season.
* Discussion of early stage of project to enhance beach facilities at Island and Birchwood Lakes
* Discussion of operation of aerators.
* Second year in a row without beach closings for fecal counts. Perhaps affected by the lower goose populations.

**Allied Biological**

* Two treatments in August. Spraying of phragmites on Crystal Road. Mountain Lake treatment of naiad. Treatment of terrestrial plants at Cove. Alum in Wildwood. Lakes general very good.
* Discussion of bass weed in Crystal Lake at Birchwood end. Noted that bass weed is an outstanding fish habitat, one of the best native plants for fish in the northeast US. Recommendation to leave undisturbed this summer and revisit aesthetics next summer.

**New Business**

* Discussion of possible hydro raking. Explanation of suction dredging and the possible infringement on sediment rather than organics with the hydro rake. Discussion of economics of dredging.

Adjourned 8:03 PM

Next meeting October 7.