

# Minutes

## Lakes Management Advisory Committee

November 3, 2020 7:30p.m.

Present: Committee Chair Debra Oliver Dewing,

Committee Members: Alpesh Amin, Ethan Grodofsky, Andy Hilton, Scott Kuehm, Frank Luzzi, Jaro Mesicek, Mike Russo (Not present: Tina Gargano)

Borough Manager Mitchell Stern, Solitude Lake Management representative Bob Schindler, Borough Council Liaison Tom Menard, Environmental Commission Liaison Allison Rankin

Student Auxiliary Members: Lukas Dequina, Yash Samat (Not present: Ben Schuckman)

### Committee Chair Opening (Debra Oliver Dewing)

- Approval of Minutes from October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting: Motion and Second
- Motion to recommend Derek Jackson to The Borough Council for appointment to the Lakes Committee. Motion and Second
- The student clean-up project went well. Ben Schuckman and Lukas Dequina did a great job. With the help of Tom Menard and Ethan Grodofsky, they got into the canal, clearing branches and debris in an effort to improve the clearance for canoes and kayaks.
- Yash has begun work on the website
- Now that the election is over, the League of Women Voters' time will be freed up so Debra will resume discussion of students digitizing the *Know Your Lakes* publication of the League of Women Voters to enhance education and stewardship of our lakes
- With regard to the December yearend lakes presentation by Solitude, Mitch will create a webinar invite so that invitees can ask questions. It will be advertised in the Friday e-blast, two weeks before the presentation date. Students requested to publicize to MLHS students and staff who might benefit. Prior year-end Solitude reports are on Committee website for review.

### Borough Manager's Report (Mitch Stern)

- Lake lowering is as low as it is going to be. It is slightly higher this week than last due to the rain, but should get back to the low level after a week or so of little or no rain.
- Part of Island Beach wall being rebuilt with solid cement wall and cosmetic stone façade.
- Living Shore Line is on Borough Council schedule for November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Solitude Lake Management Report (Bob Schindler)

- Autumn Hydroraking Project will begin November 16<sup>th</sup> on Birchwood Lake

- Water lilies on Sunset Lake look better and are under control. We should be good through winter. Will continue to be aggressive in 2021. One homeowner expressed concern about their unsightly condition in September. It was noted that low water levels (12+” low following hot, dry summer) exacerbated the look of the water lilies.
- Andy ask how long it would take to get the lakes back to normal level after natural refill begins on December 1st. No clear answer was given; it depends on the rain/snowfall.
- We discussed the low levels in Wildwood Lake. Upper end has significant accumulation of sediment especially in front of inlet. Bob believes that we will need more than traditional hydroraking here. If dredging permit successfully obtained, we will have additional tools/machinery options.

## Additional discussion

- Mike Russo reported removal of large oak tree from Olive/Shadow by homeowner(s) and DPW.
- Debra thanked Bob for all the work he did for the proposed living shore line.
- In the future we need to address the sand from Mountain Lakes Club Beach that is blocking the canal.
- Dec 1 will be Debra’s last meeting as Chairwoman. Following December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, Committee will have meeting hiatus until March 2, 2021 meeting when Scott Kuehm will become new Chairman with Ethan Grodofsky his backup.