

Minutes Lakes Management Advisory Committee

Sept 7, 2021 7:30p.m.

Present: Committee Chair Scot Kuehm

Committee Members; Debra Dewing, Tina Gargano, Derek Jackson, Mike Russo, Andy Hilton, Ethan Grodofsky, Alpesh Amin

Solitude Lake Management representative Bob Schindler, Borough Council Liaison Chris Richter, Environmental Commission Liaison Allison Rankin, DPW Jim Pappa

Student Auxiliary Members: Yash Samat,

Borough Manager Mitchell Stern,

Not Present - Bud Luzzi

Committee Chair Opening (Scot Kuehm)

Borough Manager's Report (Mitch Stern is absent)

- Living Shore Line update, Oct 15th report is due from Bob Schindler
- ML Club No Update at this time.
- Grunden's Pond – plan to drain and repair 'embankment'. There will need to be some communication to residents on the pond. Needs to come from the Borough Manager. Chris R will have Mitch provide a timeline and will draft something for distribution.
- Lake Level Policy. Lowering in anticipation of heavy rains will need DEP Authorization. But seasonal adjustments may be possible without DEP approval. Chris said it is probably a Bill Ryden question. The other issue is storm drain capacity. Jim Pappa stated that the ideal level is 499.4 and they are already managing the level during storm season. We need to confirm that we are legally allowed to do this.
- Beach Closings due to high levels of bacteria. Chris says that the Council is addressing the geese issue. Goal is to implement something for next season. Bob did six tests subsequent to closing and all were below the level to close the beach but higher than normal. We must be careful on how we harass the geese away. It must be done in a humane manor. Derek suggested that we consider having the lifeguards rake the geese poop and put it in garbage bags. We will address this with Mitch and place on the Oct Agenda.

Solitude Lake Management Report (Bob Schindler)

- Mountain Lake will probably need an algae treatment, we will see after next rain.
- Water Primrose is an issue in Wildwood. Must be careful about treatment because it is close to homeowners' lawns.

- Birchwood Herbicide Treatment was done last week, and another scheduled for the week after. Should see open water in the next 7-10 days
- Birchwood Hydroraking is scheduled for November. Just one week two machines. Hopefully be able to clear half the area in that period. They did not include the north area because that would dig into the lake bottom. But since the DEP clarification we may be able to address that in the future.
- Question was asked, Can the material be placed on the side and removed by DPW? We can be use shoreline as a temporary dewatering site.
- Scot asked if should we consider changing the language on 5-year plan from reducing the water lilies to the eradication of water lilies? If not, we will be constantly chasing the problem. Bob agreed that this would allow Solitude to be more aggressive.

Old Business

- Birchwood Site Visit- there are trees and branches down that are easy to access that the DPW can take care of. Chris will bring it up with DPW
- We need a long-term plan to maintain each basin.
 - Bud, Andy, and Ethan to outline approach to developing plan including data and resources necessary.
 - Consider lake specific needs (ie. Sediment basin for Wildwood).
 - Chris suggested we might prioritize Sunset and Grundens and possibly coordinate work with dam/embankment projects.
- Ethan volunteered to be student coordinator. Mike Russo agreed to help.
 - It was determined that if we participate in the borough student rep program, we are limited to two students, but we can manage our own program.

Tina Motion to adjourn, Approved