

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ
LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes
Minutes for March 7, 2023 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order

A monthly meeting of the Lakes Management Advisory Committee was held on March 7, 2023 on Zoom teleconference. It began at 7:30 PM and was presided over by chairperson Derek Jackson.

2. Attendees

Voting Members in attendance: Alpesh Amin, Debra Dewing, Andy Hilton, Derek Jackson, Nikki Riley

Non-voting Members in attendance: Chris Richter (Borough Council Liaison), Mitchell Stern (Borough Manager), Bob Schindler (Solitude Lake Management), Billy Barrett (Student Representative)

Members not in attendance: Lucien Foster, Alan Hunter, Jason Miner, Mike Russo, John Corbo (Student Representative), Connor Higgins (Student Representative)

Guests in attendance: None

3. Borough Management Report

Report was presented by Mitchell Stern.

2023 Budget

Borough budget will be introduced (as a finished document) on or around March 13, 2023
Adoption will likely be the second Monday in April (10th)

Tentatively based on history and collaboration with Solitude we are looking at:

- 4 weeks of hydro-raking (~80K)
 - Hydroraking is viewed as more of a maintenance process
 - Potentially 2 weeks on Mountain and 2 weeks on Wildwood
 - Final locations will be re-evaluated later in the year with consideration to lake conditions and the Bathymetric study.
 - We will evaluate north end of birchwood and various cove areas
 - We should not lose the Birchwood's north end by not working on it in 2023 and deferring a year or more
- Bathymetric Study
 - Solitude uses a GPS technician to complete the study. Confirmation is needed to inform whether we need a licensed surveyor for a dredging permit. This may change how the work is contracted out.

Sunset Lake

Tree work is completed on East Shore Road. Work will likely be paused for a few months. We are still waiting on 2 permits from contractors.

4. Solitude Lake Management Report

Report was presented by Bob Schindler.

The invasive species guide will be reviewed by Solitude. Derek will send it to Bob

Living Shoreline

- The project in the Wildwood Lake park on Briarcliff Road will commence this spring. Solitude has fabric. The tentatively proposed scope is:
 - Left side of dock will use the sock fabric with sod or similar to stabilize the shoreline for people to launch boats
 - The right side of the dock will have some native emergent wetland plants
- Solitude asks that the DPW bring soil or organics from lake to fill in socks material that will be used in the project.

5. New Business

It was noted that Birchwood has an old pump house. The pumps were removed because of the maintenance costs and the belief that source water was not all on Mountain Lakes property. Councilman Richter believes the pumphouse house created healthy waterflow in Birchwood and continuously through to the lakes. Debra Dewing said she will reach out to some residents with long history to see if she can get more information on the pump house.

6. Announcements

Next meeting April 4, 2023

7. Adjournment

Derek Jackson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Debra Dewing seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:29 PM.