

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ**  
**LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes**  
Minutes for August 1, 2023 at 7:30 PM - Hybrid

**1. Call to Order**

A monthly meeting of the Lakes Management Advisory Committee was held on August 1, 2023. The meeting format is hybrid with in-person attendance at Island Beach Pavilion and virtual attendance on Zoom teleconference. The meeting began at 7:30 PM and was presided over by chairperson Derek Jackson, with <name> as secretary.

**2. Attendees**

Voting Members in attendance: Alpesh Amin, Debra Dewing, Lucien Foster, Andy Hilton, , Derek Jackson, Jason Miner, Nikki Riley, Mike Russo

Non-voting Members in attendance: Chris Richter (Borough Council Liaison)

Members not in attendance: Alan Hunter, Jackie Bay (Environment Commission Liaison), Billy Barrett (Student Representative), John Corbo (Student Representative)

Guests in attendance: None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on July 11, 2023 was made by Andy Hilton and seconded by Alpesh Amin.

**4. Borough Management Report**

Report was presented by Derek Jackson on behalf of Mitchell Stern.

- Black Lagoon should start attending meetings in Fall.
- Bathymetric Study – Waiting on the report.
- Sunset Lake Dam – Awarding contract Monday 8/14. Once the contract is awarded, we will be able to obtain the details of the fish relocation.
- Grunden's Pond – Still awaiting DEP Action.

**5. Old Business**

- Fall 2023 Hydro-raking – The borough will advertise the public bid around the end of August. We will bid it on a per diem basis. The goal is to award a contract in mid-September. There will need to be future discussions about where we want to rake this year. There was discussion about whether the RFP should be Hydro-raking specific or should be for general sediment removal and/or alternative approaches.
- Geese on Island Beach - We have observed an increase in the amount of goose feces on the beach. The sailing club has been relocating the mylar ribbon sticks to be able to accommodate their program. This has resulted in the geese returning. The sailing program will conclude on August 5. The Borough's DPW crew will meet with sailing program over the winter months to see how they can better collaborate and mutually meet the combined goals.

- There was discussion questioning whether the Mylar ribbon is effective. There are examples of residents with temporary fences. Maybe we should consider a goose fence system around the beach.
- Living Shoreline Project – There was discussion about whether we want to continue this project and how we could execute it.
  - Could this be done in collaboration with Garden Club or environmental committee?
  - An Eagle Scout project?
  - Could local landscapers promote their business in a similar way that Solitude had proposed?

It was concluded that for now, we may be better served focusing on educating lake front home owners with mailings and focus our energy and investment in the long-term plan.

## **6. New Business**

- Fireworks – The 4<sup>th</sup> of July firework barge leaves a large amount of garbage in the Lake and at Midvale Boat Dock. Mitchell will investigate what we can do to mitigate this risk and/or remediate the same.
- The Advisory Committee believes the town should initiate a RFP for a Lake Consultation vendor to help inform future plans, and approaches for maintaining and preserving the lakes.
- Dredging is currently not scoped anywhere but could be considered based on the outcome of the Bathymetric study. Whether it could be considered as additional scope to the Sunset project will likely depend on timelines.

## **7. Announcements**

Next meeting September 12, 2023

## **8. Adjournment**

Derek Jackson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Debra Dewing seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:45 PM.