

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ**  
**LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes**  
Minutes for October 3, 2023 at 7:30 PM - Virtual

**1. Call to Order**

A monthly meeting of the Lakes Management Advisory Committee was held on October 3, 2023 through virtual attendance. The meeting began at 7:30 PM and was presided over by chairperson Derek Jackson.

**2. Attendees**

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

Non-voting Members in attendance: Chris Richter (Borough Council Liaison), Billy Barrett (Student Representative), Connor Higgins (Student Representative), Jackie Bay (Environment Commission Liaison)

Members not in attendance: Mitchell Stern (Borough Manager), Bob Schindler (Black Lagoon), Andy Hilton, Alan Hunter

Guests in attendance: None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on September 23, 2023 was made by Mike Russo and seconded by Debra Dewing.

**4. Borough Management Report**

Report was presented by Mitchell Stern, via Derek Jackson.

- The public has been notified of the Sunset Lake Project through the borough email blast
- The Project is currently on schedule
- Fall Hydro-raking is out for bid
- Grunden's Pond has no update at this time

**4. Discussion of Bathymetric Study report**

Report was presented by Chris Richter.

The report was reviewed for each lake in terms of Lake Composition, Lake Volume vs Sediment Volume, Depth of the lakes in key areas.

The Committee discussed:

- The need for a presentation by the survey company to help understand the findings of this report
- The large amounts of sediment that accumulated in the 120 years since they (accept Crystal) were created
- The need for diversity in depth and the possibility of increasing select areas of the lakes to improve lake health.

The Committee requests clarification from the surveying team on:

- What discrepancies may occur due to the change in survey techniques between 2010-2023
- The techniques used to when weeds are present
- The sediment and Sediment Gain percentages for Wildwood and Birchwood lakes

The committee recommends the Borough retains a professional consultant to guide the committee on the appropriate course of action for sediment control to ensure the health of the borough's lakes is sustained for the next 120 years.

## **5. New Business**

### **Sunset Lake Restocking**

Reported by Nikki Riley

- Potential vendor contacted for proposal to be considered by council
- Vendor recommended a standard pond mix be introduced over 3-5 years to assure that a healthy mix is attained over several generations of fish
- Vendor to provide proposal for consideration and budgetary purposes

### **Youth Community Service**

Presented by Jackie Bay

Opportunities discussed:

- Fish Relocation from Sunset to Mountain Lake with Solitude's Lake Management supervision
- Canal Clean up - the removal of debris etc.
- General cleanup of lakes edges and pathways from invasive plants (grasses) and litter
- Potentially association of efforts with Earth Day or other larger efforts

## **6. Announcements**

Next meeting November 7, 2023

## **7. Adjournment**

Derek Jackson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike Russo seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:36 PM.