

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ
LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes
Minutes for December 5, 2023 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

1. Call to Order

A monthly meeting of the Lakes Management Advisory Committee was held on December 5, 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, Lucien Foster, Andy Hilton, Derek Jackson, Jason Miner, Mike Russo

Non-voting Members in attendance: Chris Richter (Borough Council Liaison), Jack Buckley (Student Representative)

Members not in attendance: Alan Hunter, Nikki Riley

Guests in attendance: Wayne Roth

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on November 7, 2023 was made by Andy Hilton and seconded by Mike Russo.

4. Borough Management Report

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

- Sunset Lake Update
 - Lake is drained, fish relocated. Construction is underway.
 - Sediment being removed under the dam and the surrounding areas. There is not a plan for expansive removal of sediment.
- Bathymetric Study
 - The vendor is due to complete the scope of work in the canal. They previously had access issues.
 - Report corrections and concerns were received by Mitchell and have been brought to the vendor. As soon as the response is available and/or the canal information is available, Mitchell will share it with the committee.
- Grunden's Pond
 - There is still no update. Everything is stuck in the NJ DEP. We are waiting to hear back from them.
 - Chris Richter will reach out to Paul Ferraro to get some information on if/how we can get information from the DEP to communicate to the residents.
 - Mitchell believes we should wait on communicating to the residents because we have nothing concrete to share. If we do not hear back from DEP by the conclusion of Sunset dam, Mitchell will press them.
- Fall 2023 Hydro-raking
 - The borough is contracted with Paragon Integrated Services Group for hydro-raking

- Mitchell expects the vendor to begin work on Mountain Lake next week. The scope will be two weeks on Mountain Lake and two weeks on Wildwood. The takeout area on Mountain Lake will be Midvale Boat Launch. On Wildwood Lake, the vacant lot on the north end of the lake along the Boulevard.
- Paragon has provided a rate for residents of \$1,361.25 per six hours of raking. Mitchell will be the initial point of contact. The opportunity will be advertised in the weekly Borough Blast email.

5. Old Business

- 2023 Year End Communication Plan update
 - Borough Council Report Date – late Jan or early Feb
 - Black Lagoon will present in January. This meeting will be open to the committee and members of the public community.

6. New Business

- Each year committee representatives are required to reconfirm their intent to continue in new year. Derek will be sending an email requesting the affirmation of the same.

7. Public Comment

Wayne Roth has lived in town for over 30 years. He frequently goes fishing on the lakes. When Wayne saw what was happening at Sunset Lake, it startled him. Wayne thought Sunset Lake was the healthiest ecosystem in the town with a wide variety of wildlife. Wayne was happy to hear the fish were relocated. Wayne joined the call to offer his help to the committee. He was encouraged to join and participate in the meetings because they are open to the public, and join when there is a vacancy.

8. Announcements

Next meeting January 2, 2023

9. Adjournment

Andy Hilton moved that the meeting be adjourned. Debra Dewing seconded the motion. The motion passed at 8:18 PM.