

## LAKE KENOSIA COMMISSION

### Minutes of the March 16, 2009 Meeting

Commission members present: Leslie Ballard daSilva, Carol Elder, Patty McCarthy, Regina Ofiero, Renee Paley-Bain, K.T. Shartouni

Commission members absent: Steve Landau

Others present: Jack Kozuchowski, Nick Kaplanis (arrived late)

Chairperson Regina Ofiero called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written.

Jack reported on the Meserve grant application. It is due April 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be requesting a \$2,500 grant on our behalf to sponsor an event to celebrate the completing of the buffer garden which will include an educational piece for teachers and students.

Jack then reported on the vegetative buffer project. The plans as well as the draft bid specifications by the landscape architect are complete. A meeting was held at the Kenosia Town Park for potential bidders and city officials, and around 30 contractors showed up. He is fine tuning the bid specifications to include maintenance. The bid will go to the lowest "responsible" bidder. June 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for bids.

We discussed the potential for a water quality basin in the swamp area between Jensen's and the Town Park. It might be possible to get federal stimulus funds to pay for this, or a developer could be found to pay for it.

Jack shared a preliminary drawing about the Mill Plain swamp proposal. It could be an ideal area to encourage bird watching and allow kayaking. Options of where to allow access were discussed.

Jack has discussed co-sponsoring some sort of event with the garden club. Earth Day might be a good time, but may be too soon to put something together.

The meeting was turned over to Nick Kaplanis. He recently attended a seminar in Wilton on the problems caused by geese over population. The process of oiling the eggs is recommended to control the geese population, and he is looking for volunteers to help with this project. It needs to be done in teams. The nesting

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period is from late March to mid-May. This method is accepted by the Audubon Society, PETA, and the Humane Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, April 20th at 5:30 p.m. Please let Regina know whether or not you will be attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Elder  
Secretary