

LAKE KENOSIA COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 20, 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

Chairperson Regina Ofiero called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as written. She then turned the meeting over to Jack for his update.

Jack reported that Reliable Excavating won the bid for the work on the buffer garden. Didona Associates evaluated the lowest three bids, and evaluated each bidder. One possible stumbling block for this project is that to change a land use within a certain distance of a reservoir requires a permit from the State Department of Health. If the legal interpretation says we have to take this step, it could cause a delay.

The purchasing department has put out a R.F.P. for the suction harvesting (which should cost around \$7,000). We could also start the preliminary work for the weevil project. Jack will get bids before our next meeting.

Jack reported that the grant to the Meserve Foundation was submitted through the Lions Club. This grant proposal is requesting \$3,500 for a day of tours and education to show off the buffer garden.

Then Jack presented his in-service information. One of the ENSR recommendations from their 2000 study was to target specific drainage systems in the watershed for retrofitting and watershed management. Jack recommends we try to get funds to do this in Basin 5 in the marsh between the Town Park and Jensen's Trailer Park. He would like to apply for a Section 319 grant (E.P.A. money) that is earmarked for lakes that need to reduce their total daily maximum load. However, such a grant requires a 40% match. He suggests we apply for the Paul Busch Award, a \$100,000 award for innovation involving water quality related research. This could be our matching money. We could collaborate with Western Connecticut State University. Students there could sample the water quality before and after the installation of the treatment system. Jack would be the one applying, but the money would be for the Commission.

The Mayor's proposed budget for the Commission for the 2009-2010 year is \$19,800. We had asked for \$22,000.

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Since Jack will be away from May 11-27, we changed our next meeting date to Tuesday, May 5th at 5:30 p.m. Please let Regina know whether or not you will be attending. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Elder
Secretary