

LAKE KENOSIA COMMISSION

Minutes of the June 15, 2009 Meeting

Commission members present: Leslie Ballard daSilva, Carol Elder, Steve Landau, Patty McCarthy, Regina Ofiero, K.T. Shartouni

Commission members absent: Renee Paley-Bain

Others present: Jack Kozuchowski

Chairperson Regina Ofiero called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as written.

Leslie suggested we send postcards to residents around the Lake several times a year, with suggestions and recommendations on things to do to protect the Lake.

Jack reported that he got the application for the Busch Award in the mail on Friday. The Section 319 grant proposal deadline was postponed until August by the State, so we have more time to work on that. Dr. Dora Pinou of Westconn is very excited about the project.

Jack also reported that we got the P.O. for the suction harvesting. However, the purchasing department is not approving any P.O.s from now until the end of the fiscal year (June 30th), as there is a budget freeze on. We discussed the option of shifting the suction harvesting to Parks and Rec Department. Jack thought it was unlikely to happen unless we did it. Another option is to use City personnel to pull the weeds.

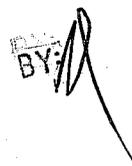
A motion was made, seconded, and approved to hire Jack's services for \$6,000 for the new fiscal year.

More discussion of the Section 319 grant ensued. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to reserve half of our annual budget (approximately \$10,000) for the matching required for the Section 319 grant, if no other funding becomes available. Monitoring and measurement is a large part of this grant, as well as the treatment train and storm water intercept itself. There will be a pollution prevention plan as part of this grant proposal.

The D.E.P. says the buffer garden does require a change of use permit. They have been asked to quickly expedite the process. A change of use permit was denied for the proposed Spray Park.

Jack went over our major objectives for the 2009-2010 fiscal year (see attached).

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Our next meeting is Monday, July 20th at 5:30 p.m. Please let Regina know whether or not you will be attending. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Elder
Secretary

MAJOR OBJECTIVES

2009-2010

- ◆ The major objective for fiscal year 2009-10 is to leverage the extreme success of fiscal year 2008-09 with a fund raising initiative that will double the investment of the City Budget proposed here (\$22,000) to raise \$44,000 in outside funding for permanent in-lake and watershed management measures. If successful, this fund-raising effort will be the basis of a long-term process to reduce the City of Danbury's funding support by 10% in the next fiscal year.
- ◆ Conduct 4 public presentations to potential funding sources on the environmental management needs of Lake Kenosia and its watershed and the Kenosia Commission's activities to manage the lake. Each presentation will be followed up with a specific funding request for fiscal year 2010-2011 from the organization. If funding request is accepted, it will be presented to the Common Council for acceptance as donation prior to FY 2010-11 budget submittal
- ◆ Prepare a power-point presentation that will be presented to 3 public and non-profit organizations as a prelude to grant applications. This will be followed up by three grant proposals that would fund weed treatment / watershed, management as a basis of reducing the Kenosia Commission budget request in 20110-2011 by 10%.
- ◆ Oversee the completion of Phase III, IV and V of the vegetated buffer and rain garden around the perimeter of the beach to complete this project. Following the completion of the vegetated buffer, the project will be advertised to the community as the first completed project of Mayor Boughton's "greening of Danbury" program, subsidized by the 2008 Open Space Bond referendum. The public outreach of the anticipated success of this project will be followed up by funding requests to outside organizations that are aimed at reducing the Kenosia Commission's 2010-02011 budget request by 10%.