

# LAKE KENOSIA COMMISSION

## Minutes of the October 26, 2009 Meeting

Commission members present: Leslie Ballard da Silva, Steve Landau, Regina Ofiero, Renee Paley-Bain, K.T.Shartouni,

Commission members absent: Carol Elder, Patricia McCarthy

Others present: Jack Kozuchowski

Chairperson, Regina Ofiero, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as written.

1. Regina turned the meeting over to Jack for his update. Jack's attached outline was discussed, and topics for the workshops were determined. He emailed the updated outline to each Commission member on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. (Note that the attached outline has been modified with different dates.)

Two new initiatives in the outline:

- A motion was made and approved to initiate the storm water treatment train project. \$3,000 was allocated for Jack's services in preparing the proposal for open space funding and meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers.
- The shoreline improvement initiative was moved to 2010, when the buffer garden will be completed.

2. Another initiative discussed was to pursue larger grants and funding. Promotion ideas: Leslie suggested Annual Lake Kenosia Day in the summer or fall of 2010, and KT suggested canoe races, Steve suggested a fishing tournament, Jack suggested a treasure hunt, and it was decided that Chef KT would be in charge of the BBQ. Also, Renee suggested Audubon Migration Day. KT suggested creating and installing plaques in the park for financial donors.

3. Renee reminded the Commission that we had discussed holding open information meetings for neighbors along the lake. Leslie will contact the Moose Lodge to determine if they will donate space for a meeting there, and Jack will contact Anthony's Lakeside Lounge.

4. Jack announced that the Dept. of Public Health Change of Use Permit was issued for the buffer/garden. David Day (City Dept. of Public Utilities) received a copy. Certain conditions are specified that affect the contractor, including no overnight vehicles on site and no on-site fueling. This may increase cost by 50%. The City Purchasing Agent will advise.

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5. Jack has submitted the Section 319 Grant Proposal, but further suggested approaching the Army Corps of Engineers for a large-scale project, which is included in his outline.

6. Regina and Jack presented the slide presentation to the Rotary Club on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We might approach the Kiwanis Club for new benches.

7. Renee had e-mailed Commission members an article regarding the DEP. She brought a copy of a sign that was posted at Jensen's Lakeview Community, warning of pesticide treatment, of which the Commission was not aware. There could be a danger in overlapping or contradictory actions by various authorities. She has requested a list of all water-related organizations involved with Lake Kenosia, citing a lack of communication between them.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, November 23, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. Please let Regina know whether or not you will attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Ballard da Silva

Kenosia Commission Project Description	Existing (E) or New (N)	Budget estimate (if New)	Steps for implementation
In-service training session 1: City of Danbury's environmental permitting process	E		Prepare in-service and present in January 2010
In-service training session 2: The native plants and hydraulic function of the buffer garden	E		Prepare in-service and present in March 2010
In-service training session 3: Weed control techniques and the big picture	E		Prepare in-service and present in May 2010
2010-2011 Budget Development Workshop	E		Prepare and facilitate at November, 2009 meeting
Public Outreach presentation: Garden Club	E		Prepare and Present in November, 2009
Public Outreach presentation: Danbury Teachers	E		Prepare and Present in February 2010
Public Outreach presentation: Conservation Organizations	E		Prepare and Present in March, 2010
Facilitate completion of Buffer Gardens	E		(a) Secure & amend DPH permit (b) Oversee installation (c) Orchestrate ribbon cutting
Aggressive fund-raising and grant writing for Army Corps of Engineers funding of construction of stormwater treatment train	N	\$3,000 Approved at Oct. 2009 meeting	(a) Secure authorization by key City officials (b) Prepare proposal for open space funding (c) Meet with Army Corps of Engineers (d) Prepare Army CoE grant proposal (e) Seek and apply for other funding sources
Shoreline improvement initiative	N	\$1,000	(a) Photograph and video lakeshore (b) Prepare / conduct presentation at AOL

**NOV. 19, 2009: NOTE THAT THIS OUTLINE IS MODIFIED –  
DATES ARE CHANGED FROM VERSION E-MAILED TO YOU ON THE OCT. 27<sup>TH</sup>**