

LAKE KENOSIA COMMISSION

Minutes of the May 23, 2011 Meeting

Commission members present: Carol Elder, Steve Landau, Patty McCarthy, Regina Ofiero, Renee Paley-Bain

Commission members absent: Leslie Ballard daSilva, K.T. Shartouni

Others present: Jack Kozuchowski

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

Jack reported that we are waiting for Reliable to submit a change order for the buffer garden, as corrections are needed. In addition, damage from recent storms needs to be repaired, as well as paver sidewalks, in addition to repairs to the deer fence on the original phases, which was damaged during construction.

Jack and Regina attended the Rotary Club, and Jack did a slide show presentation for them, as a kick off of our "Adopt a Plot" campaign.

Camilla estimated it would cost around \$7,000/year for the maintenance and weeding of the buffer garden, and we would like to raise funds to do this for 3 years (\$21,000). We discussed possible donors: Bedoukian, Berkshire Corporate Park, Union Savings Bank, G.E., Savings Bank of Danbury. We need to find out if we can name the garden after one of these companies, as then maybe we need only one major donor. Jack will contact Wayne Sheppard (the mayor's chief of staff) for additional leads.

Regina reported that we were awarded \$16,038 in next year's budget. Jack has submitted a P.O. for the suction dredging (which is scheduled for June), as well as for Camilla to do a photographic catalog of the plants in the buffer garden. We also need a P.O. for Camilla for weeding, which Jack will take care of. Then our funds for the current year will be all spent.

Renee volunteered to work with Jack to update the web site. It still has a lot of old information on it. It is our goal to get this updated by mid-June.

Jack has found working towards the DEP grant somewhat frustrating. We could possibly get a corporate donor for the design work, and then apply for the Section 319 grant for the construction. Jack submitted a grant proposal through the Land

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Trust of Danbury) to the Tighe & Bond Centennial Project for the purifying storm water project.

Jack has heard that EMS is interested in doing a demonstration of its kayaks at our ribbon cutting ceremony in the fall.

Steve announced that he will need to resign from the Commission soon, as he no longer lives in Danbury.

The next meeting will on Monday, June 27, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., and we will meet at the Lake, weather permitting. Please let Regina know whether or not you will be attending. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Elder
Secretary