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LAKE KENOSIA COMMISSION

Minutes of the March 28, 2013 Meeting

Commission members present: Stella Eidt, Carol Elder, Patty McCarthy, Regina Ofiero, Renee Paley-Bain, K.T. Shartouni

Commission members absent: Sondra Grossi

Others present: Jack Kozuchowski

Chairperson Regina Ofiero called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written.

Regina reported that Mitch Wagner, a professor at WestConn, might be interested in coming to one of our meetings. He has info and expertise in how to control milfoil.

Jack would like to propose an Environmental Day of Caring for Lake Kenosia. Maintenance would be performed on buffer garden by volunteers, under the supervision of Camilla. Jack also owes us a State of the Lake Report.

Regina sent a letter to the Mayor on March 4th, with copies to Scott Leroy, Nick Kaplanis, and David Day (copy attached).

The City has received bids for constructing the controlled wetlands area at Kenosia Town Park. The purpose of this project is to broaden the existing wetlands.

Jack did a presentation at GE Capital, to try to get them to fund the Environmental Day of Caring. They were asked to provide:

1. Volunteers
2. Funding:

Landscaper and supervision	\$4,700
Plants and mulch	\$2,450
Environmental kiosk	\$4,300
Contingency	<u>\$ 550</u>
Total	12,000

Discussion ensued on constructing an educational kiosk for the park. Jack got a quote of \$250/board. However, the construction of such a kiosk could require a building permit. Maybe smaller signs would be better.

Future meeting dates were discussed. It was decided that the next meeting would be on Wednesday, April 24th, and Mitch Wagner will be invited to speak. The May meeting will be on Thursday, May 30th, and we will meet at the Lake. The June meeting will be a brainstorming session. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Elder
Secretary



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March 4, 2013

Mayor Mark D. Boughton
City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, Connecticut

Dear Mayor Boughton:

On behalf of the Lake Kenosia Commission, I would like to clarify our position regarding the value of Lake Kenosia as a natural resource, which includes its use for passive recreation as well as its role as a supplemental source of drinking water. An article in the *Danbury News Times* last week incorrectly quoted me as stating that *"the city has been trying to attract swimmers back to Kenosia."* This statement is only partially true. What I said was that the *"city has been trying to attract people to Kenosia Park"* (as opposed to swimmers only).

This clarification is an important point as you consider our mission and our budget requests. We recognize the multiple functions of Lake Kenosia, which currently include swimming. We also recognize the problem that the city has regarding the State Health Department's recent directive to prohibit the use of the lake as a back-up reservoir if swimming is permitted there. **The members of the commission fully support your state legislative initiative to allow both swimming and use of the lake as an off-season source of drinking water.** If it comes to pass that the state's ban on swimming will hold, we will continue to promote the protection of the lake as a natural resource.

The goals of our commission include both protection and improvement of water quality in Lake Kenosia through:

- regular monitoring of water quality;
- promoting watershed initiatives to mitigate the impact of storm-water runoff;
- providing environmental education; and
- making passive recreation available to the public.

Swimming is only one part of the latter function, which also includes kayaking, canoeing, windsurfing, fishing, ice fishing, and other pursuits.

We look forward to working with the city to assure that Lake Kenosia continues to serve the citizens of Danbury as a precious natural resource.

Respectfully Yours,

Regina Ofiero, Chairman

cc: Scott LeRoy
Nick Kaplanis
David Day