

LAKE KENOSIA COMMISSION

Minutes of the August 25, 2014 Meeting

Commission members present: Carol Elder, Sondra Grossi (arrived late), Regina Ofiero, Renee Paley-Bain, K.T. Shartouni

Commission members absent: Patty McCarthy

Others present: Ed Siergiej

Chairperson Regina Ofiero called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as written.

Regina turned the meeting over to Ed, who gave us an update (see attached). Camilla and her crew have been hard at work weeding the buffer garden and planting new items, and the garden looks very good.

Ed had available a secchi disk and explained how it was used. He needs someone with a row boat so that this test can be used on Lake Kenosia.

Ed spoke to Dave Day about the swimming and spray park issues at Lake Kenosia. Apparently, negotiations are ongoing with the State about these issues. However, Nick Kaplanis does not intend to fund the use of the beach for swimming.

We discussed finding out if someone from the Moose Lodge would be interested in serving on the Commission. It would be very helpful to have such a member. Renee will follow up with the president of the Moose.

Ed reported that the Greenhouse at Tarrywile is used by a high school class to grow and study plants. Maybe we can have the students grow plants for the Kenosia buffer garden.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 22, 2014 at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Elder
Secretary

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Report – Lake Kenosia Commission – August 2014

Submitted by: Ed Siergiej

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Short term projects

- Budget – 2014 – 2015 budget approved at last years amount - \$15,236
- Annual maintenance of Buffer Garden – Camilla Worden has completed most of the work at the garden. After the herbicide was applied, and hand weeding of areas completed, new native plants were added to the garden. A review of the work and the expenditures against the PO was done last week. Camilla will add additional plants in the next few weeks.
- A new RFQ for Buffer Garden Maintenance work in this budget year (Fall & Spring) is anticipated to be prepared.

Long Term Projects / Programs

- Water Quality Testing PO – I have contacted Tim Simpkins to confirm the cost for this service. A quote is anticipated this week. The testing will be done in September, as in previous years.
- Triploid (Sterile) Grass Carp – Based on the direction that the commission voted to pursue at the May meeting of the commission, I have spoken with the Mayor's office. I have also contacted Mindy Barnett with the DEEP Inland Fisheries Division with regard to the application. The application will also have to be reviewed by the Water Department before submittal. If we get the OK to proceed from the City, Mindy will come out to do an analysis of the Lake to determine what containment measures may be needed. It is possible that due to the inlet conditions of the Lake, upstream containment may be the most difficult to achieve.
- There has been a sighting of Water Chestnut, another invasive plant, in Lake Kenosia. It was spotted by an employee of the Candlewood Lake Authority who was using the lake. A photograph of the plant was sent to Greg Bugbee at the CT Agricultural Station, where it was positively identified. The Ag Station will be conducting a survey to determine the extent of the weed in Kenosia.
Chuck Lee, CTDEEP has been notified, and has forwarded information on a grant program that may be of help in funding removal of the weed.
Water Chestnut has been identified in nearby water bodies, including at the Danbury Fair Mall, lagoons. The Mall has been removing the weed during the summer. We have contacted the contractor to determine what the cost of removal might be.
- Secchi Disk demonstration