

LAKE KENOSIA COMMISSION

Minutes of the October 28, 2013 Meeting

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

Commission members absent: Stella Eidt

Others present: Jack Kozuchowski, Ed Siergiej, Mitch Wagener

Chairperson Regina Ofiero called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as written.

Jack brought up the topic of the pavers for the buffer garden walkway. A discussion ensued about whether to use them or not. Everyone agreed that ascetically, they are the best choice, but we don't know if they qualify as handicapped accessible. We need to know the City's standards for handicapped accessibility. Or perhaps a non-beveled brick is available. The issue was tabled until we have more information.

Jack wanted to have a meeting with Scott, David Day, and Antonio regarding the spray park, but Antonio was never available. He will continue to pursue this. We need to find out exactly why we were shut down for the Spray Park by the State.

Jack introduced Mitch Wagener, a professor of biology and ecology at WCSU. Mitch gave an interesting presentation regarding invasive species that are creating a problem in area lakes, including Eurasian milfoil and Zebra mussels. There is very little we can do about either of these. DEP seems to have changed its view on the grass carp solution to the milfoil problem. It is being used successfully at Ball Pond in New Fairfield, and will soon be introduced into Taunton Lake in Newtown.

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 25th at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. At that meeting, we need to decide on next year's budget proposal which will be submitted to the mayor and the 2014 meeting calendar. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Elder
Secretary

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