

LAKE KENOSIA COMMISSION

Minutes of the September 22, 2014 Meeting

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

Others present: Ed Siergiej

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

We discussed the vacancy on our Commission, and no one had any new ideas. Renee will contact the person she knows from the Moose Lodge.

Regina turned the meeting over to Ed, who gave us an update (see attached). Camilla listed the types of plants she has already planted and some recommendations for future planting (see Ed's listing). Patty will take pictures with her I-Pad and can project them for us to see.

The City isn't maintaining the Kenosia beach, and there is little sand left and is becoming all weeds and grass. K.T. suggested making the beach area into a boardwalk or deck, and encourage other uses. Ed will bring it up with Nick and ask for his input.

Tim Simpkins (who works with George Bensen) will do the water testing on Thursday. Ed spoke to Dave Day, who will proceed with the grass carp permit process. A weed survey needs to be done for the carp permit application. Dave Day says he is still working on the spray park proposal.

The Mall has new ownership, and maybe they could do something for us, since Lake Kenosia flows into the Mall swamp. Ed passed around copies of the Candlewood Lake web site pages. Maybe we could get ideas from that. Ed will ask Jack if he is still receiving and monitoring our web site correspondence.

The next meeting was changed to Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Elder
Secretary

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Report – Lake Kenosia Commission – September 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 the work at the garden. Plant list below with recommendations on planting for next year
 - 50 Monarda Jacob Kline - red flowers in rain garden to left of original buffer planting
 - 12 Rudbeckia Goldsturm - rain garden way down to right
 - 10 Karl Foerster Grass - near the lifeguard shack
 - 40 Shenandoah Switchgrass - in original buffer planting
 - 6 Liatris Kobold - to right of shack
- We also, of course, weeded, herbicided overgrown weeds, watered new plantings and did some mulching.
- To keep up with this "garden"; yearly maintenance at a minimum of twice a year is required. Here are the plants I suggest be put in to keep it full (thereby keeping the weeds down!):
- 5 yellow Potentilla near the Shenandoah grass
 - 40 more Black-eyed Susan near the "aster" sign to left of shack
 - 6 more Inkberry here also
 - 35 Veronicastrum virginicum to right and left of main path (the Liatris seems not to make it well here; this might be a suitable substitute)
 - 10 Karl Foerster grass to right of shack
 - 7 white Potentilla here also
 - 50 more Monarda to left of Monarda just planted
 - 40 Prairie Dropseed in same vicinity
- A new RFQ for Buffer Garden Maintenance work in this budget year (Fall & Spring) is anticipated to be prepared.
 - Informed Nick Kaplanis about the wasp nest by the childrens playground.

Long Term Projects / Programs

- **Water Quality Testing PO** –Tim Simpkins will be doing the testing this Thursday, 9/25/14. I have been asked to provide a boat for this testing, and will borrow one from the CLA.
- **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.

- **Water Chestnut** - Greg Bugbee at the CT Agricultural Station, informed me that they do not have the funding to do a weed survey this season.
- **Goose Gate at beach** – I got a rough estimate of \$1,000 from Addressi Fencing. I believe that we can do better by going to Home Depot and doing this project ourselves.
- **Website** – The attached information on proper management of property might be a good addition to the website