

## LAKE KENOSIA COMMISSION

### Minutes of the March 28, 2011 Meeting

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

Commission members absent: Leslie Ballard daSilva, Steve Landau

Others present: Jack Kozuchowski, Toni Nabholtz-Huse (president of the Garden Club), George Huse, Nick Kaplanis (Director of Recreation for Danbury)

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

Jack reported that the Meserve grant proposal has been prepared, and was passed along to Toni, who will submit the proposal on behalf of the Garden Club. The request is \$5,000 to fund a portion of the opening ceremonies for the buffer garden, including the graphic design and construction of a sign, as well as for being a sponsor for garden maintenance. As part of the opening celebration, we will be seeking additional sponsors to help with the garden maintenance. We discussed possibly having a soft opening in the fall, with a bigger event in the spring.

A discussion ensued about whether we should do the suction dredging this spring. It was felt it was a worthwhile expenditure, providing we don't have any more pressing need for the balance of our funds.

During the recent heavy rains, a portion of the buffer garden was washed out. This was partially due to the fact that the plants were put in too late to get established last fall. The contractor will need to fix this, and a change order has been submitted. Nick reported his team and their equipment will need access to the beach, so it can be raked. The asphalt will be replaced with permeable pavers, and Serpentine walkways (which were part of the original plan) still need to be installed.

Jack reported on his progress with the Section 319 grant. He met with Farid Khouri and Antonio Iadarola to discuss it, since it will require a 40% City match. The proposal was then presented to the mayor, and he approved it, since the match can be paid from the open space bond money. However, the Common Council has to approve this.

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Jack met with a graphic designer about the web site. We will discuss the web site in more detail at the April meeting.

The goal of the Still River Alliance is promoting the Still River, and Lake Kenosia is part of the Still River, so we should interact with this group to help promote Lake Kenosia. Both Jack and Nick are part of the Still River Alliance.

The next meeting will on Monday, April 25, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Please let Regina know whether or not you will be attending. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Elder  
Secretary