

Lake Lenape Association Minutes for October 16 2017

LLA Board Members in Attendance (9)

S. Mercer, M. Dunbar, S. Hagaman, S. Minnick, E. Karr, D. Kerr, B. Kithcart, K. Roberts, P. Widgren

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. It was determined that a quorum was present. A Moment of Silence was observed for our Troops and Service People.

Public in Attendance

Paul and Karen Yost, Pattie Cosentino, Trish Artrip, Debbie Dickerson, Dan Sutherland, Ray Doidge, Rose Kerr

For the Good of the Order

Ray Doidge wanted to bring up the lack of maintenance on the Lenape Ave side of the Dam. The people who bought Poletti's property have not been landscaping the same as the Polettis had previously. Ray recommend that the board find out what he believes he is responsible for. Ray said that it wasn't a maintenance thing, but the grass and weeds are an aesthetic issue. Ray said there was also weeds growing in the dam's concrete.

Ray Doidge wanted to ask why the board was not manually opening the valve. Due to the dry weather we have had there is a lack of water going over the spillway. Ray had asked the board to let water out of the valve to help the stream and fish. We contacted Fish and Game as well as the DEP, and unless we are feeding a state lake or reservoir we do not have to do that. We can if we want.

Minutes – The secretary regrets that minutes were not created for the October meeting at this time.

President's Report

The majority of the people in attendance are here to head about our conversation and possible rule changing to raise the age requirement for the lakes. Over the summer we had many children, as young as 9 years old, who were down at the beach without adult supervision. Many under 13 were bringing their friends as guests. Many issues where children were misbehaving and disrespectful to the lifeguards who were trying to keep order and limit the negative behavior. We received feedback from Aquapro that the other lakes and pools in the area require someone be 16 years old before they can be without adult supervision. Aquapro has not seen the same issues at these other locations. We only require members be 13 years old before they can be without adult supervision. Aquapro recommended that the Lake Lenape Association change our bylaws and rules to match the rules of surrounding lakes and pools.

We could change the rules to require children be 16 before they are allowed without adult supervision. We could change the rules to still allow children down as young as 13 years old (as the rules are now), but don't allow children to bring guests.

Many attendees gave their opinions. There was a general feeling that people wanted to leave the rules as they are. Children once they turn 16 tend not to want to hang out at the lake anymore and its children younger than that who really love the lake and love hanging out.

We did have some behavior problems with some children this past summer. Do we have a problem with all the children? There are a lot of children who follow the rules and we would be affecting the good kids to fix the problems with a few children. Instead of changing the rules for some problems, we could change our Lifeguard policy instead. The problems we had was poor behavior and dangerous behavior of children, and lack of listening to the lifeguards. Our recommendation is that the lifeguards be aware that if there are children misbehaving and not listening to the direction of the lifeguards, they should feel free to call the local police. If a lifeguard gives direction and the people on the beach are not listening to lifeguards direction, they should feel free to call the police and have them removed. The lifeguard's job is to maintain safety and order in the swimming area, if someone jeopardies this and doesn't listen to the lifeguard's direction, they should feel comfortable calling the police to have them removed.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Secretary Report

We receive correspondence from Jim McGovern stating that we he has noticed cars parked on the lawn even when there is plenty of space in the street-side parking area. He thinks it detracts from the peaceable ambiance of the lake when this becomes habitual.

Second asked if we could have a rule limiting music to headphones and prohibiting amplified music except as provided by the association at club sponsored events, or as provided by clubhouse renters at approved functions to stop the Bluetooth speakers that some people have been bringing down.

Lastly, the Rules restrict charcoal and propane grills to the designated area and that he has seen people using grills in non-designated areas and we should inform people where the designated areas are and enforce that.

The conversation that took place was that based on the people in attendance there is not a problem with people parking where they have been parking and that the amplified speakers playing music was not a big enough issue to create a rule against them. We will try to remind people where grills are allowed.

Committee Reports

Membership Report

No report.

Clubhouse Rentals

They are done for the year.

Boat Storage

No report.

Buildings and grounds

The refrigerator was shut off. There was some spoiled food in there so we will be discarding that. We want to empty the clubhouse after the Halloween party, remove all the food.

We did our beach cleanup and are ready for the winter.

Insurance

Ken will be following up with Scott to take over insurance.

Fundraising

No report.

Water Quality and Weed Management

No report.

Fish Habitat and Restocking

No report.

Security and Bylaws

No report.

Lifeguards

None (other than the discussion in the President's report).

Social

The Halloween party is coming up, we will cook everything that we have. People can bring drinks and we will provide the food that we have left. We are going to have a trunk or treat, and plan on asking the local police to come down for the kids and to do a little parade for the kids.

The holiday party will be Friday evening, December 1st. We are trying to cut the cost, may not go as heavy on the decorations. We are planning on going with Dominic's we used them last year and everyone was happy with them. We will sell tickets ahead of time and put paying attendees on a list.

We would also like to hold a candlelight vigil in memory of Kelsey Bederka on October 27th at 7pm. We will have a pastor join us for this event. Annie Keegan got 100 luminaries but we might need more than that.

Dam

Litigation is almost over.

The DEP has asked us to update our innovation map and our operation manual for the dam.

We hired Eileen Bourn to handle the closing of the dam activities from a legal standpoint. We hired Nisivoccia to handle the audit of the dam activities to close out the loan.

Technology

We are going to turn off the internet.

COLA

September 16th there was a COLA meeting at the Mohawk country club. There was a warning about HAB (blue green algae, it's compared to black mold) that has been seen in lakes in the area. It can cause sickness and even death. Swartswood lake had a problem with this over the last year which is why they weren't allowing swimming over the summer. Luckily Larry Kovar checks for this when he handles are water testing. In northern NJ the only lakes that had this problem was in state lakes. They believe that it's transferred from lake to lake on boats that aren't washed between lakes.

Scholarship Committee

Peggy wanted to thank everyone for their support of the scholarship committee. When this was started the goal was to raise \$1000 for a single scholarship. So far the committee has raised enough money to give out two \$1000 scholarships. The Bederka family had also generously asked that donations be made to the scholarship fund in Kelsey's memory. And at the moment have raised \$3400 in memory of Kelsey. Based on the committee discussion, we will be separating the funds that were donated in Kelsey Bederka's name from the general scholarship funds. The funds received in Kelsey's name will be handled in a different manner to be determined at a later date. The board voted and decided to add \$1000 towards the Kelsey Bederka memorial fund.

Election Committee

The people who are up for election are: Scott, Adam, Ken, Joe and Peggy. Scott and Adam had informed us they will not be rerunning. Brian Brennan has asked to have his name added to the ballot. If anyone knows anyone else who wants to be on the board, please contact Steve Mininck (or any board member). We need 2 people not on the board to help with the election committee.

New Business

None.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:23 pm

(1) D. Kerr (2) E. Karr - All in favor (Yes) - Opposed (None)

Minutes Submitted by S. Minnick on January 7, 2018