Lake Killarney Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

David L. Dickerson, Jason K. Ellison, Ellen Hencken, Joyce D. Cunningham, Carolyn Minear, William Voecks

Absent

Jeanne Wall

Staff

Director of Public Works & Transportation Charles Ramdatt; Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte; Public Works Engineer Shannon Monahan; Lakes Division Manager Joseph Cordell; Natural Resources & Sustainability Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor; Board Coordinator Charisma Lowery

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Consent Agenda

a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting October 4, 2023.

Mr. Dickerson asked for the motion under item 4(a) to be clarified to read as "...boathouse closer to parallel to the shoreline".

Motion made by Carolyn Minear to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Joyce Cunningham. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker

Dawn Bell, 2024 Lake Drive, voiced her concerns pertaining to riprap and stated the cove has minimal water movement and 50,000 pounds of rock would need to be applied to her lakefront which could result in debris being trapped as well as fish and plant life being killed. She expressed interest in acquiring a variance for the cove. Further discussion followed and staff will bring this item back during next month's discussion.

David Wolf, 2054 Lake Drive, elaborated on his current boat dock plans. He stated there is no impact to the trees, no navigation issues, and the dock plans follow code. The resident stated his home is the last house in the cove, and no other residents would be affected. The board asked Mr. Wolf to bring pictures of the area to the next meeting.

4. Public Hearings (Public participation and comment on these matters must be in person.)

There were none.

5. Action Items

There were none.

6. Non-Action Items

There were none.

7. Staff Updates

a. Lakes Management

Staff updated the board on the cove noting the Trophic State Index (TSI) is decreasing, as the lake is currently recovering from the effects of Hurricane Ian. This continues to be reflected in the phosphorous and nitrogen levels with nitrogen almost reaching normal lake levels, however, clarity has not shown much improvement since the last update.

The at-risk vessel on the southeast side of the lake has been reported to the Police Department, as well as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) who is being dispatched to inspect the issue.

The sediment removal projects from the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS); grant funding has been completed for the Shoreview location. Staff will confirm the beach depth and other measurements; the next project to follow is Beachview Avenue.

Sensors for the telemetry stations have been received and, installation will soon follow.

Lake maintenance and efforts continue with, 95 gallons of debris and 55 gallons of trash removed. Along with a fallen tree in the Outfall of the canal.

Staff provided the board with the No Objection Waiver Request form for adjacent property owner statement that would require proof of property ownership.

Staff sent a guide, via email, to residents regarding living with alligators. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC) program states that alligators must be a nuisance in order to be removed from the water, along with having to be over 4 feet and not flee when confronted by humans. Staff will not be removing the alligators, and urged residents to contact the FWC if there are further concerns.

Conrad Necrason, Chairman of the Orange County Lake Killarney Board spoke briefly about the alligators living in the lake. A brief discussion followed.

b. Stormwater Management

Staff provided updates on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP); following the discussion at the last meeting, staff noted there is currently a provision on stormwater outfall dredging under Drainage Improvements in the budget. A brief discussion followed. Staff is waiting to schedule a pre-application meeting with St. John's Water Management District Nicolet Pond. The Killarney Drive pipe replacement design is presently in progress and staff has met with the design consultant for Lake Bell Weir project. Anticipated completion date is early summer of 2024 -pending permit approval.

An update on the Lakefront construction map was provided, with staff noting that the 2024 Lake Drive seawall is currently under construction.

Staff presented two images displaying the interconnects between Lake Killarney and MLK. Jr. Pond and event center. A brief discussion followed.

c. Orange County Update

Nidia Volpe, Senior Environmental Specialist of Lakes Management at Orange County, stated the Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) Advisory Board is working on a newsletter that will be completed in early 2024. The pipe at the intersection of Killarney Drive and Ohio Street has been replaced, and the curb inlet baskets that were previously removed will be replaced. Orange County plans to remove the sandbar at Blue Heron with the contractor used by the City of Winter Park.

The upcoming Orange County meeting is scheduled for December 14th, at the Winter Park Police station located at 500 North Virginia Avenue, at 5 p.m.

8. Board Comments

a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

There was no discussion on public comments, however, Mr. Ellison inquired about the completion of the Blue Heron dredging project and other dredging projects including the canal. Staff noted that they have applied for a permit for dredging and received a Request for Additional Information form from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). A brief discussion followed.

The board noted that there is a resident that swims in the lake without proper gear, which poses safety concerns. Staff will send out best practice procedures to residents for using the lake.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

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- Discussion to revise the code specifically for the cove regarding rip rap and seawalls
- Research Orange County 50% for rip rap policy
- Swimmer safety reminder
- Water Quality Update
- At-Risk Vessel

- Sediment Removal Update for Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)
- Telemetry Stations Update
- Maintenance and Efforts
- CIP Update
- Infrastructure Projects: Nicolet Pond, Killarney Dr. Pipe Replacement, & Lake Bell Weir
- Lake Front Construction Update
- Library and Events Center As-Builts

b. Summary of Meeting Action Items

Minutes from the previous meeting have been approved with one amendment.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Minutes approved by the board on December 6, 2023 as Amended.
/s/ Charisma Lowery, Board Coordinator