



Lake Killarney Board Regular Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2023 at 10:00 AM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

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

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources & Sustainability Gloria Eby; Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte; Public Works Engineer Shannon Monahan; Department of Natural Resources & Sustainability Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor; Board Coordinator Charisma Lowery

Also Present

Nidia Volpe; Orange County Lakes Representative

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 1, 2023.

Ms. Wall asked for revisions to the following: at the bottom of page two, add a paragraph regarding the at-risk vessel; on page four under board comments, regarding the blue heron dredging projects add "and other projects".

Motion made by William Voecks to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by David Dickerson. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)

William Voecks requested an update be given to the board prior to the monthly meeting regarding those that will or will not be in attendance, to ensure a quorum is reached.

4. Public Hearings

- a. Boathouse/Dock Application (BLDR-2023-0720) 2054 Lake Dr.

Staff presented a denied dock application and clarifications related to the denial and possible revision options were discussed. The applicant is David Wolf, owner of 2054 Lake Drive. All perimeters and measurements meet code. There is a setback that requires a variance however the boat dock meets vegetation criteria. Staff displayed photos of the existing structure, surrounding areas and the site plan. (Later clarified that no action was taken on the application to provide more information to the board and to further clarify the dock application was not denied, it was no approved)

Mr. John Gambrell, neighboring resident at 2040 Lake Drive, stated he is not opposed to the dock application, but is not in favor of the boathouse design. Both navigation and privacy are of concern.

The board's recommendations for the applicant are as follow: consider removing from the black line over that platform, remove the sun deck and place it on the shoreline where it currently is with a variance from the neighbor where he would have a straight out view of the water. The other alternative is to cut off the corner so it doesn't protrude as much. The applicant must ensure boats can safely maneuver without damaging another owner's property. These items should be considered by the applicant prior having the application appealed in court.

Motion made by Jason Ellison to table the boat dock application until January 3, 2024, the applicant should consider the board's recommendation, seconded by William Voecks. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

- a. Boathouse/Dock Application (BLDR-2023-0963) 430 Killarney Dr.

Staff stated Carolyn Minear cannot participate in this application as she is the applicant. Ms. Minear completed a conflict of interest form which has been attached to the minutes.

Staff presented the boathouse dock application at 430 Killarney Drive. The contractor is Creative Modeling Solutions. The boat house dock is within code and will replace the existing dock however the new structure will be larger. The dock does not currently meet vegetation criteria. Staff presented plans and site maps of the property for the board to review. Staff recommends approval of the dock application.

Shelia Cichra, 1004 Fort Mason Drive, Eustis Florida, provided the board with a photo of the dock and the surrounding area. The board asked a few questions and a brief discussion ensued.

Motion made by Joyce Cunningham to approve the permit 2023-0963 for Killarney Drive as presented; seconded by Jason Ellison. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

5. Action Items

6. Non-Action Items

- a. Riprap Presentation by Dawn Bell

Dawn Bell, 2023 Lake Drive, gave a presentation in which she asked the board to reconsider both rip rap and dock requirements. Research regarding the effects of riprap and current codes were presented to the board. Further dialogue between staff, the board and the applicant ensued. Staff explained to the applicant the proper procedure necessary to appeal her permit if the applicant was not pleased with the outcome.

7. Staff Updates

- a. Lakes Management:

- Water Quality
- At-Risk Vessel
- Dock Violation
- Sediment Removal for Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)
- Telemetry Stations
- Maintenance and Efforts

Staff updated the board on the cove noting the numbers were higher for the Trophic State Index (TSI) in August. This continues to be reflected in the phosphorous and nitrogen lake levels due to Hurricane Ian. Pertaining to clarity, the higher the number the better, there's an inverse. The cove has less clarity than the urbanized lake itself, which staff is proud of the lake.

The at-risk vessel at 400 Killarney Drive, located on the southeast side of the lake has been reported to the Police Department, as well as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation (FWC). The vessel jurisdiction lies within code enforcement, who have sent a letter to the appropriate property. An update on the traction in response to the letter has not been received.

Regarding the dock violation at 1321 Fairview Avenue, code enforcement cited the dock. An update with the resolution will be provided next meeting.

The Shoreview sediment removal project has been completed through funding awarded from the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS).

The Orange County Blue Heron project will follow the Beachview Avenue project and the canal will be last. The permit exemption letter is needed from the Department of Environmental Protection to move forward.

Sensors for the telemetry stations have been received and four have been installed at Lake Killarney, Lake Bell, MLK Park, and Lake Virginia. Staff is waiting for the remaining 20 sensors that will be deployed throughout the city.

Lake maintenance and efforts continue with 175 gallons of debris and 120 gallons of trash removed, along with trimming of the canal trees.

Staff provided the board with data that has been collected for Hurricane season.

The Flood Management Guide that was adopted by the Commission was presented. Recommendations made by the board were completed and discussion followed.

b. Stormwater Management:

- CIP Update

Staff provided updates on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) approved by the Commission. Ms. Wall commented on a conversation she had with City Manager Randy Knight and suggested the CIP have a separate line item. Ms. Wall has completed the CIP Lake Killarney dredging letter. Staff elaborated on the necessary steps to creating separate line items and discussion followed.

Motion made by Jason Ellison to approve Ms. Wall sending a letter to the Commission recommending a line item for dredging at Lake Killarney be put on the CIP as staff sees fit in anticipation and need for the funds; seconded by Jeanne Wall. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

- Infrastructure Projects: Nicolet Pond, Killarney Dr Pipe Replacement, & Lake Bell weir

Staff gave an update on the application with St. John's River Water Management District for Nicolet Pond. The application is under review and Staff has requested a pre-application SJRWMD and is working on the general permit application. Staff anticipates obtaining the permit by the end of the month. (2:09) Discussion followed.

Motion made by Jeanne Wall to request a project schedule on Nicolet Pond to have each of the steps start to finish, including the person that will take responsibility for it and some estimate of its completion; seconded by David Dickerson. Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Regarding the Killarney Drive pipe replacement, staff clarified that the statement suggesting there was a design nearing completion was incorrect. Staff is waiting for the survey and is completing the design. Staff will provide the board with a project schedule for Lake Killarney Drive. Lake Bell weir consultants have been working, an update will be given once data gathering and surveying has been completed. The board requested a project schedule on Lake Bell weir.

The inlet main project will take place following the completion of the current project. Dredging the canal has been submitted to FDEP, staff anticipates obtaining the permit by January.

- Lake Front Construction Update

There is no new construction on the lake front. There is construction happening on the inland. No new construction on the shoreline is currently underway.

Follow-up Items:

- BMP Feasibility Study
- Outfall Condition Update

Ms. Wall requested David Zusi attend the next meeting to update the board on the progress he has made on current projects. A brief conversation followed.

c. Orange County Update

Nidia Volpe, Orange County Lakes Representative, gave updates on current projects. Orange County graphics is working on the draft newsletter and the sand bar will be removed from Blue Heron. There have been a few issues with the contractor's insurance and procurement. The next Orange County Lake Killarney meeting will be held December 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the Winter Park Police and Fire station.

8. Board Comments

a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

Board members inquired regarding scheduling a planning meeting or a work session. Within the meeting the board would outline the yearly initiatives they hope to address. Further discussion ensued regarding the 2024 meeting calendar. The July 3rd meeting needs to be rescheduled.

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- Dock Violation update
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- Lake Bell Weir project schedule will be provided to the board at the next meeting
- The July meeting has to be rescheduled
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b. Summary of Meeting Action Items

- Staff will email Mr. Wolf with the board's recommendations/modifications listed for the boat house dock application.
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- Dock Violation
- CIP Letter from Ms. Wall
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10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Approved by the board on February 7, 2024 as amended
/s/ Board Coordinator Charisma Lowery