



Lakes & Waterways Board Regular Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024 at 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

William H. Swartz Sr., Pamela L. Saffran, Ed Webman, George T. Vietor, Justin J. Vermuth, David F. March (arrived at 12:03)

Absent

Warren Bloom

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources and Sustainability Gloria Eby, Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte; Public Works Engineer Shannon Monahan, Lakes Manager Joseph Cordell; Administrative Assistant Victoria Tabor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of February 13, 2024

**Motion made by Mr. Vietor to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Saffran.
Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote. Mr. March arrived after the vote.**

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

4. Public Hearings

5. Action Items

6. Non-Action Items

7. Staff Updates

- a. Winter Park Police Department

No report.

- b. Lakes Management

Lakes Manager Joey Cordell reported there will be a Community Meeting on March 28th at 5 p.m. at Mead Botanical Gardens Azalea Lodge to inform the community about the Howell Creek Restoration project. Treatments have started on the following lakes: Killarney, Sue and a few on the chain of lakes. Sixteen telemetry stations have been installed and staff are receiving and reviewing data. On March 2nd, Lakes Division conducted a wood duck box workshop and had 6 volunteer groups. Four of the six boxes were donated to the city and will be installed at MLK Park, Mead Gardens - Alice

Pond, Lake Chelton and Lake Knowles. Plant of the month for March is Water Hyacinth which is an invasive plant that is controlled biologically and with herbicides.

Gloria Eby responded to questions on the Muscovy duck removal program and discussion followed. Ms. Eby gave an update on the legislative session in regards to the letter of support the board had sent for funding the Chain of Lakes nutrient and hydrologic study to understand the basic and nutrient loading for the lakes. Of the \$500K that was requested, it did make the appropriation of 250K. The next step is for approval or veto by the governor. Staff will keep the board updated when new information is received.

c. Stormwater Management

Ms. Monahan reported on the Balmoral Road pipe replacement project with some photos, which is nearing completion. The College Point curb project is completed. The project was due to the water being held and not flowing correctly to the inlets when rainstorms occur. Ms. Monahan gave an update on the NPDES presentation from February's meeting. She provided the Orange County Water Atlas link for the members to access for more information.

8. Board Comments

a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

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Mr. Webman thanked the staff for their work. Staff thanked him for his service on the board.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Approved by the board on April 9, 2024
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator