



Lakes & Waterways Board Regular Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024 at 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

William H. Swartz Sr., Ed Webman, Justin J. Vermuth, Warren Bloom, George T. Vietor.
David March arrived at 12:11 p.m.

Absent

Pamela L. Saffran

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources & Sustainability Gloria Eby, Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte, Public Works Engineer Shannon Monahan, Lakes Division Manager Joseph Cordel, Natural Resources & Sustainability Administrative Coordinator Victoria Tabor.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting, December 12, 2023
- b. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting, January 9, 2024

Motion made by Mr. Swartz to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023, seconded by Mr. Vietor. Motion unanimously with a 5-0 vote. Mr. March arrived after the vote.

Motion made by Mr. Vermuth to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024, seconded by Mr. Vietor. Motion unanimously with a 5-0 vote. Mr. March arrived after the vote.

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

4. Public Hearings

- a. Boathouse/Dock Application (BLDR-2024-0018) 1214 N Park Ave.

Mr. Cordell presented this request for a new boat dock which meets city code. Staff recommends approval with a condition of revegetation. He showed photos of the area and plans. He provided additional details on the purpose of the condition for revegetation.

Motion made by Mr. Vermuth to approve the application; seconded by Mr. Webman. Motion unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

5. Action Items

6. Non-Action Items

7. Staff Updates

- a. Winter Park Police Department – No report
- b. Lakes Management

Mrs. Eby gave an update on the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) projects showing images of outfall projects in several lakes and Ninth Grade pond, Lake Bell Weir and Howell Creek stabilization. Projects funded through stormwater include sediment removal in Lake Killarney. In addition, she provided that a maintenance and beautification project in the canal of Lake Killarney was currently underway and was funded by a Keep America Beautiful grant. The city is preparing for permitting needs and designs for the Howell Creek stabilization project. A community meeting will be held near the end of March presenting this information.

Mr. March arrived at 12:11 p.m.

Mr. Cordell gave an update on existing conditions, treatment and water quality on smaller lakes noting the spike in Trophic State Index (TSI) and phosphorous due to the hurricanes in 2022. Staff responded to questions about connections and flow between, and to and from other bodies of water. He reported on active enforcement of vegetation removal without a permit, construction of seawalls in violation of permit, unmaintained and unsafe docks, disabled vessel on Lake Killarney (now removed) and staff reported on the impact of violations on lakes. Telemetry stations for lake elevations were installed in Lake Berry and Lake Spier.

Staff created a Plant of the Month program and showed images of the first plant, Canna Flaccida.

c. Stormwater Management

Ms. Monahan gave an update on capital improvement projects including repairs on Balmoral Road which are close to completion. She showed and explained a map of the city's stormwater basin.

Mrs. Eby advised that the Lake Killarney Board requested that the city establish a separate line item in the budget dedicated to Lake Killarney for dredging. While the commission supported the request, the commission voted to consider a line item for all lakes, not specifically for Lake Killarney, in upcoming budget discussions.

Ms. Monahan gave a presentation on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), explaining city stormwater treatment, discharge, goals and requirements, pollutant sources. Annual reports must be filed with the state on city

programs (sanitary sewer lining, construction site practices, street sweeping, public education and events) and metrics to prevent pollutant discharge.

8. Board Comments

a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event, March 9th at Cady Way Park from 8:30 - noon.
- Three events are scheduled for April.
- Tree planting at Howell Branch Preserve was held last weekend.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

a. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Vermuth to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Swartz. Motion unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

Approved by the board on March 12, 2024.
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton - Board Coordinator