



Lakes & Waterways Board Regular Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2024 at 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

William H. Swartz Sr., Clark Sprinkel, Matthew Johnson, Ed Webman (virtual), George T. Vietor, Justin J. Vermuth, David F. March

Absent

Staff Present

Director of Public Works Charles Ramdatt, Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte, Public Works Engineer Shannon Monahan, Lakes Manager Joseph Cordell; Winter Park Police Sergeant Luke Hofer; Administrative Assistant Victoria Tabor

1. Call to Order

Mr. Vermuth called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. New members Matt Johnson and Clark Sprinkel were introduced.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of May 14, 2024 meeting

**Motion made by Mr. Swartz to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Vietor.
Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.**

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

Mr. Rori Trumbore, of unincorporated Seminole County, asked for detailed information on the lower portion of the Howell Branch Restoration project.

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

5. Action Items

6. Non-Action Items

a. CRS Presentation

Ms. Monahan introduced Mr. Ahmed Hamed presenter of the Community Rating System (CRS). Mr. Hamed explained that the City is reviewing the benefits and costs of the rating system program. The CRS program is backed by FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which encourages communities to become more flood resilient. Residents who live in participating communities receive premium discounts on their flood insurance policies.

There are 125 floodplain management activities within the program, allowing participants to achieve points. The more points a community receives, the lower the classification number and the higher the insurance discount. An example of a public information activity would be communicating with residents on where they can find elevation certificates. Classification numbers range from 1-10, with 1 being the best resulting in a 45% policy discount and 9 the lowest resulting in a 5% discount.

The City would need to submit a letter of interest to a CRS specialist within the NFIP program along with documentation of all the activities that they are currently participating in. There are minimum qualifications that have to be met to start the program. There is an annual recertification requirement and a verification cycle of 3 or 5 years depending on the City's classification. At this time, the City's estimated classification would be 8, resulting in a 10% discount for an average of \$59 per year for policyholders. There is an initial verification or 5-year full verification cost of approximately \$55k-\$60k or annualized cost of \$12k - \$15k with annual recertification that would require 60-80 hours of the City's CRS Coordinator's time.

Board members discussed the program extensively. Mr. Ramdatt and Ms. Monahan explained that the CRS program is a guideline for the City to become more flood resilient. Participation in the program will be decided by the City Commission.

7. Staff Updates

a. Winter Park Police Department

Officer Hofer reported the past month's events: 12 patrols on the water, 92 safety inspections, 8 citations for violations and assistance with 2 tows. Two firework barges are planned for the 4th of July holiday, one on Lake Osceola and one on Lake Maitland.

b. Lakes Management

- Mr. Cordell advised that in conjunction with FWC's long-term monitoring program an in-depth survey of Lakes Maitland, Minnehaha, Mizell and Osceola was performed.
- The nanobubble aeration at Lake Midget is up and running.

- A number of hydrilla treatments were completed. Lake Sylvan had to be divided into two treatment sections to prevent a drop in the dissolved oxygen.
- Howell creek restoration is continuing with its first re-vegetation planting.
- Grass carp was stocked in Lake Sue and Lake Sylvan.
- Pickerelweed is the plant of the month and is very common and easy to grow in the local lakes.

Lake restoration events are listed. The Board Orientation meeting and the Board appreciation events were emphasized by Ms. Tabor. July is lake appreciation month.

c. Past & Upcoming Events

Lakes Event - 5/11 9am @ Lakes Knowles & Wilbar

Lakes Event - 5/18 9am @ Lake Chelton

Lakes Event - 6/8 9am @ Lake Bell

Board Orientation - 6/13 6pm @ Commission Chambers

Paddleboard Clean-up - 6/15 9am @ Kraft Azalea

Board Appreciation - 6/20 5:30pm @ WP Pines

Lakes Event - 6/22 9am @ Lakes Temple & Tuscany

Vermicomposting Class - 6/27 6pm @ WP Library

Filth of July Clean-up - 7/6 9am @ Howell Branch Preserve

d. Stormwater Management

Stormwater CIP was presented by Ms. Monahan advising of the increase in inspections and maintenance in preparation for the hurricane season. Mr. Marcotte explained the various preparedness procedures that started on June 1.

8. Board Comments

a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

Mr. Vermuth advised Mr. Trumbore Staff would provide him the information he requested.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

a. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

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