



Lakes & Waterways Board Regular Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024 at 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

David F. March, Ed Webman, George T. Vietor, Justin J. Vermuth, Clark Sprinkel, Matthew Johnson

Absent

William H. Swartz Sr.

Staff Present

Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte; Lakes Manager Joseph Cordell; Administrative Assistant Victoria Tabor

1. Call to Order

Ed Webman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

- a. Select Chair and Vice Chair

Motion made by Mr. Webman to nominate Justin Vermuth as Chair, seconded by Mr. Vietor, Mr. Vermuth accepted, agreed by consensus. Motion made by Mr. Vietor to nominate Ed Webman as Vice-Chair, seconded by Mr. March, Mr. Webman accepted, agreed by consensus

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of June 11, 2024

Motion made by Mr. March to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Vietor. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

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

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

Mr. Cordell presented two permits.

- a. Riprap Revetment (SAP-2024-0005) 931 Greentree Dr.

Mr. Cordell presented the riprap revetment permit for 931 Greentree Drive, new structure on Lake Osceola.

Motion made by Mr. March to approve permit; seconded by Mr. Vietor. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

- b. Seawall Application (SAP-2024-0009) 336 Henkel Cir.

Mr. Cordell presented the seawall permit at 336 Henkel Cir. Peter Fleck with US Builder answered questions pertaining to the seawall renovation and advised will use wood and composite.

Motion made by Mr. Johnson to approve; seconded by Mr. Sprinkel. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

5. Action Items

6. Non-Action Items

7. Staff Updates

- a. Winter Park Police Department

Officer Luke stated two boats were out on the lake for the July 4 fireworks display. The past month's activities included 67 vessel safety inspections, 5 issued citations and 3 towed vessels. Five marine unit officers are now deep water lifeguard certified. Mr. Sprinkel commended the performance of the officers on July 4th.

- b. Lakes Management

The Lakes department will be partnering with FWC doing surveys of a new invasive species, the Asian Swamp Eel. Ten lakes will be surveyed.

The NRCS update is the repairing of the wall that contains the bypass pipe at Mead Gardens. This will take approximately 60 days. The large equipment on Pennsylvania Ave. is for sediment removal.

Mr. Cordell reported two new shoreline violations. Two small beaches were installed and the City is requiring removal of the imported sand.

The Mayor proclaimed July to be Lakes Appreciation Month. The Lakes Department created a calendar for residents to go out and enjoy the lakes.

c. Past & Upcoming Events

- Paddleboard Clean-up - 6/20 @ Dog Island
- Filth of July - 7/6 9 am @ Public Safety Building
- Wood Duck Box Workshop - TBD 9 am @ MLK Park / WP Library
- Spark Day - 8/24 8 am @ Howell Branch Preserve
- Fix It! Don't Pitch It! - 9/7 8 am @ Event Center
- Sustainability Fair & EV Car Show - 9/21 9 am Location TBD
- Get Hooked - 10/5 7:30 am @ MLK Park

Mr. Cordell reviewed the past & upcoming events and explained the Wood Duck Box. The updated monthly and quarterly water quality reports were provided.

Mr. Webman asked for the status of the aerator that was to be installed on Lake Virginia. Mr. Cordell advised there is a grant proposal being submitted for a very large unit to be placed in Lake Virginia and explained how the aerator works. The timeline for the aerator is approximately 6 months.

d. Stormwater Management

Mr. Marcotte displayed the updated CIP.

- There are three currently funded projects. Three permit applications have been submitted to St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) for review: Palmer Ave. drainage improvement at Old England, Killarney Dr. outfall on the west side of Lake Killarney, and the Nicolet pond. An exemption is being sought for the CDS unit on Fawsett Rd.
- Since Hurricane Ian, consultants were hired to do a study on three large basins divided into the western basin, central chain of lakes and the eastern basin. The expectation for draft reports on all three studies should be received by mid-September. The consultants provided small projects that can be planned for this year's budget. These projects will be presented to the Commission this month and final approval for funding the projects will be given at the second meeting in September.
- The infrastructure is being constructed by the City's stormwater construction crew at the Ward Park pond.

8. Board Comments

Mr. Sprinkel asked what is being done to treat the weeds on the lakes. Mr. Cordell advised the City uses the weedoo and uses the val run every Thursday for the shoreline. Eelgrass is not allowed to be treated because of it's protected classification. Mr. Vietor advised since the use of the weedoo, the eelgrass has been better, but it is still bad. Mr. Webman suggested scheduling eelgrass pick up with residents and going out with the weedoo every Monday after a weekend of wake board usage.

- a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

- a. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

Mr. Sprinkel informed the Board that the weed issue will continue.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Approved by the board on August 13, 2024
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator