



Lakes & Waterways Board Regular Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2025 at 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

David F. March, Ed Webman, George T. Vietor, Matthew Johnson, Nicole Seybold

Absent

Clark Sprinkel

Staff Present

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 12:07 pm.

2. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion made by Mr. Webman to nominate Mr. Vietor as Chair, seconded by Mr. March. Mr. Vietor accepted. Agreed by consensus.

Motion made by Mr. Vietor to nominate Mr. Johnson as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. March. Mr. Johnson accepted. Agreed by consensus.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of May 13, 2025

Motion made by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. March. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

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

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

- a. Seawall Application (SAP-2025-0005) 400 Lakewood Dr.

Mr. Cordell presented the revetment application SAP-2025-0005 for the property located at 400 Lakewood Drive. The applicant is Albert Prast, the contractor is Solitude Lake Management, and the permitting agent is Jennifer Bustos-Fitz. This application is for a soft armor revetment on Lake Osceola. Photographs were shown, and details regarding the parameters and technology for the soft armor revetment were provided, along with information on the required revegetation. Staff recommends approval of the application.

Albert Prast stated that the goal is to protect the wildlife and maintain the property's pristine condition through lawn extension and revegetation efforts.

Motion made by Mr. Vietor to approve application SAP-2025-0005; seconded by Mr. Marsh. The motion carried unanimously by a 5-0 vote.

6. Action Items

7. Non-Action Items

8. Staff Updates

a. Winter Park Police Department

Sergeant Combas and MPO Billy Branch from the Winter Park Police Department presented the police report. The new law has been enacted which eliminates the requirement for inspections of large vessels as a basis for primary stops. The main problems have been occurring in the afternoons between 5:00pm and 7:00pm. An effort has been made to increase patrols on the lakes more often, seven days a week, from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

Paddle boarders, kayakers, and canoeists often overlook that they are operating vessels, which require specific equipment, primarily life vests and whistles. There has been significant time spent educating the public about this, detailing that each violation incurs a \$143 fine. However, at some point, education must cease, and enforcement must begin. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife website, paddleboards qualify as vessels, and therefore, vests and whistles are mandatory on board. Additionally, children aged six and under must wear their vests at all times.

b. Lakes Management

Mr. Cordell presented the quarterly data updates for sampled lakes. He reported that this is the season for hydrilla and noted all the treatments for hydrilla in the lakes.

The plant of the month is the Cuban Bulrush, an invasive from South America. It forms mats as it grows upon itself.

c. Upcoming Events

Mr. Cordell announced the upcoming events, particularly the Board Appreciation event. Ms. Tabor will share the link to the board orientation meeting held on June 5 with the board members.

- Board Appreciation Event - 6/12 5:30pm @ Winter Parks Event Center
- Litter Clean-up with Rep. Anna Eskamani - 6/21 8am @ Howell Branch Preserve
- Paddleboard Clean-up - 6/28 9am @ Lake Virginia & Lake Mizell
- "Filth" of July Clean-up - Self-Directed During the Week of July 4th
- Ballroom Dance Lessons - Monday Nights @ Community Center (See Attached Flyer)

- Power Your Self-Resilience: Wisdom & Practice - Fridays @ 12pm (See Attached Flyer)

Mr. Cordell introduced the new intern, Bella Naples.

d. Stormwater Management

Ms. Monahan displayed the CIP and explained that the city is moving forward with the ditch clearing work at the Interlachen Golf Course. The Killarney Drive drainage improvement project is ongoing, and photos will be brought to the next meeting. Active work is underway to install the first of two drain wells at Lake Spier. Photos and a short video were shown, along with an overview of the process.

9. Board Comments

- a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

10. Upcoming Agenda Items

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Ms. Seybold recently became active in placing lake weeds on her deck for pickup and wanted to ensure that the information about this service is shared with lake residents. Mr. Cordell explained that the pickup service is on Thursday and advised that the intern, Bella, will post the service on social media, following up on Ms. Seybold's suggestion. Mr. Johnson recommended posting flyers about the service for the neighbors.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Approved by the board on July 8, 2025
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator