



# Lakes & Waterways Board Regular Meeting Minutes

**March 10, 2026 at 12:00 PM**

City Hall Commission Chambers  
401 S. Park Avenue

## **Present**

David F. March, Ed Webman, George T. Vietor, Clark Sprinkel, Nicole Seybold, E Donald Thomas III

## **Absent**

Warren Bloom

## **Staff Present**

Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte, Lakes Manager Joseph Cordell (Virtual), Lakes Specialist Daniel Barber, Administrative Assistant Victoria Tabor

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm. The decorum statement was read.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Minutes of February 10, 2026

**Motion made by Mr. Sprinkel to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Thomas III. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker**

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

- a. Boathouse/Dock Application (BLDR-2026-0082) 1837 Lake Spier Dr.

Mr. Cordell presented the dock permit application BLDR-2026-0082 for 1837 Lake Spier Dr. The applicant is Lynne Wilson, with Albert Cichra as the contractor and Sheila Cichra as the permitting agent. The site is on Lake Spier. Parameters were specified, no roof and no variance required. Vegetation requirements are met. The Notice of Public Hearing was sent 2/24/26. Staff recommends approval.

**Motion made by Dr. March to approve Dock Application Bldr-2026-0082 ; seconded by Mr. Thomas III. The motion carried unanimously.**

- b. Boathouse/Dock Application (BLDR-2025-0812) 561 Via Lugano

Mr. Cordell presented the Boathouse/Dock permit application BLDR-2025-0812 at 561 Via Lugano. The applicant is Ernestine Johnson Beattie, the contractor is Albert Cichra

and the permitting agent is Sheila Cichra. The location is on Lake Maitland. Parameters were provided, includes a 2ft variance for the length of the dock. The current length is 32ft. Replacing the previously approved oversize total area. Requires revegetation. The sundeck will be taken out and a pitched roof added to comply with code. Notice of Public Hearing was sent 2/24/26. Staff recommended denial.

Sheila Cichra, Streamline Permitting, 1002 Ft Mason Drive, Eustis, Florida, notes that the dock's footprint has remained unchanged for 50 years. A renovation was completed in 2008, and the drawing from that permit is being used. The boathouse, which is stucco with windows, will see walls preserved while it is redecked and reroofed. The gazebo will remain unchanged. If the requested two-foot increase is not approved, the boat will no longer fit in the slip.

Mr. Sprinkel requested to review the original variance to verify the approved square footage. Ms. Cichra explained that Ms. Eby located the original permit and identified the length inconsistencies, which led to the submission of the variance. Mr. Vietor commented that the applicant has extensive shoreline, and the dock has been in place for 50 years, complemented by a stuccoed boathouse that enhances its charm. Mr. Cordell noted he has a copy of the approved plans, but not the variance.

Mr. Sprinkel recommended that in the future, when referencing previously approved variances or actions taken by the board as part of the approval, the original approval should be produced. Mr. Cordell explained that the staff's recommendation for denial was due to the extra two feet in length, which did not meet code.

**Motion made by Mr. Webman to approve Boathouse/Dock application BLDR-2025-0812; seconded by Mr. Thomas III. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **5. Action Items**

## **6. Non-Action Items**

An explanation of non-action items was provided.

## **7. Staff Updates**

### **a. Winter Park Police Department Update**

Officer William Branch of the Winter Park Police Department reported consistent patrols over the past couple of months on one weekend day for a couple of hours. He expressed appreciation to Rollins for providing the dock that the Police Department is permitted to utilize for their boat, and he noted that it has been brought up to standard for their use.

### **b. Lakes Management Update**

Mr. Barber and Mr. Cordell delivered the updates regarding Lakes management. Treating Lake Spier for Cuban Bulrush along the shoreline. Small treatments for Hydrilla are applied when it is observed.

Killarney Harmful Algal Bloom - the fifth sample was collected on 3/9/2026; results are pending. It requires six samples below one part per billion, two additional clean samples are needed to remove the HAB alert.

FDEP Innovative Grant (Nanobubbler) Update - The grant agreement has been signed, and staff are working on the easement. Agreements have been awarded for Shoreview and Canton.

Mr. Marcotte described a CDS unit as an underground trash can that collects debris from stormwater. The more of these units are installed to the pipe before the water reaches the lake, the more the sandbars can be completely removed.

Mr. Barber presented the lakes dashboard, which is still a work in progress, and showcased its features. It allows comparison of water quality across different lakes. The dashboard is now live, with telemetry data updated weekly on Mondays. Water quality information will be refreshed as it is received. GIS is working to automate certain data processes. The board expressed thanks to the staff for the results achieved with the dashboard.

While the Power BI slide was presented, Mr. Sprinkel proposed including more context about the spikes. Others on the board recommended highlighting the impacts. There was a discussion about the differences in lake spikes, and it was suggested to provide additional information related to the lakes. Mr. Cordell pointed out where the lake-specific projects are on the general information page, and more details could be included there. This is an ongoing project.

Canal repairs are underway, starting with the seawall caps in Genius Canal and then moving to Venetian Canal. The Venetian Canal repairs are expected to take 3 to 4 weeks and the canal will be accessible during weekends and nights. Updates are available on social media and Mailchimp. The board further discussed accessing Venetian Canal.

Mr. Barber showcased the Plant of the Month, the Smooth Water Hyssop, a native species with numerous health benefits and a host for the white peacock butterfly.

#### c. Upcoming Events

Mr. Barber reviewed the upcoming events, and Ms. Tabor identified the locations for the clean-up activities.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off — March 7th 8 AM-Noon @ 2525 Cady Way

Weed Wrangle 2026 — March 7th 9 AM-Noon @ Kraft Azalea Park

Shoreline Restoration — March 14th 9 AM-Noon @ Lake Spier

The Great Duck Derby — March 28th 10 AM-2PM @ Mead Gardens

250th Greatest American Clean-up — April 4th 9 AM-11 AM (5 Locations Around Winter Park)

#### d. Stormwater Management Update

Mr. Marcotte presented the CIP and provided background on the canal conditions during the drought in 2002–2003. He clarified that the CDS unit is vendor-specific, designed by Engineered Solutions, and functions as a hydrodynamic separator. CDS stands for Continuous Deflective Separator, which removes trash from stormwater. He inquired with the board regarding the possibility of presenting various types of treatment systems, including CDS, next month. He was informed that Ms. Monahan had previously presented these systems.

Mr. Marcotte reviewed the projects listed on the CIP.

Mr. Cordell announced that the first round of tree planting for Lake Spier took place on 3/9/2026.

## **8. Board Comments**

Ms. Seybold inquired about ways to become better ambassadors for the lakes. She would like staff to assign specific tasks and is interested in understanding how factors such as leaves, weeds, the freeze, and, as Mr. Sprinkel mentioned, the economic impact affect the shoreline.

- a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

## **9. Upcoming Agenda Items**

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## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Approved by the board on April 14, 2026

/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator