



Lakes & Waterways Board Regular Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026 at 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

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

Absent

Nicole Seybold

Staff Present

Director of Natural Resources and Sustainability Gloria Eby, Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte, Public Works Engineer Shannon Monahan, Lakes Manager Joseph Cordell, Lakes Specialist Daniel Barber, Environmental Special Grant Manager Joseph Smirti, Administrative Assistant Victoria Tabor

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vietor at 12:00.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes of April 14, 2026

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

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.)

5. Action Items

6. Non-Action Items

7. Staff Updates

- a. Winter Park Police Department

Officer Branch gave the staff an update on the Winter Park Police Department. He stated there will be increased patrols on the lakes for Memorial Day weekend. He also stated that since the speed limits are state-issued, the City cannot enforce them, and the infraction is considered "careless." The maximum boat size is 24 feet long and 8.5 feet wide.

- b. Lakes Management Update

Ms. Eby presented and addressed aquatic plant management treatments for Lake Sue, Lake Virginia, and Lake Bell, then gave an update on the Venetian Canal seawall cap repair project. She reported that Lake Killarney is still under an active Harmful Algal Bloom and provided a water quality update for Lake Maitland, discussing the effects of septic tanks and nesting birds along the lake. Ms. Eby stated that the City will use data from the soon-to-be-installed nanobubble unit in Lake Virginia to determine the possibility of expanding the technology to mitigate nutrient loading. She mentioned efforts to conduct a nutrient and hydrologic study for the Chain of Lakes and confirmed a lag in data reporting by the Orange County laboratory for water quality data. She then provided updates on Lake Virginia, Lake Osceola, Lake Mizell, Lake Sue, Lake Berry, Lake Killarney, and Lake Baldwin, explaining that these are NPDES lakes that must be reported to the state. There was a brief discussion about the timeline for data collection. The plant of the month is Southern Giant Bulrush. She then pointed out that it was National Safe Boating Week and provided educational links to raise awareness.

c. Upcoming Events

- Organic Pest Management Class — May 12th 6 pm - 7pm @ Winter Park Library
- Fix it! Don't Pitch it! — May 30th 8 am - 12 pm @ Community Center
- Killarney Paddleboard Cleanup — June 6th 8 am - 10 am @ Beachview Ave.
- Board Appreciation Event — June 18th 5:30 pm - 7pm @ Winter Park Event Center

Ms. Eby recapped that the Mother Earth Day event was a success. She informed about the Organic Pest Management Class held on May 12th.

d. Stormwater Management

Ms. Monahan provided updates for CIP projects. She mentioned that the Palmer Avenue and Old England outfall projects will start soon. The street sweeping schedule will be available beginning next month. Mr. Marcotte provided an update on the Stirling Bridge.

8. Board Comments

a. Discussion of Public Comments Received

A local Boy Scouts Troop asked questions regarding the lakes and water quality. Ms. Eby gave an educational answer that covered several approaches being used to improve water quality. Mr. Marcotte and Ms. Eby mentioned several ways people can assist with water quality and welcome their Troop to join us on volunteer days. Contact information was exchanged.

9. Upcoming Agenda Items

a. Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Approved by the board on

June 22, 2026

/s/ Joseph Smirti, Recorder