



Lakes & Waterways Board Regular Minutes

September 13, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Ave. | Winter Park, Florida

Present

Board Members: William Swartz, Pam Saffran, Ed Webman, Justin Vermuth, Warren Bloom. Lindsay Eriksson Siddiqui (Virtual).

Absent: Robert Bendick

City Staff: Natural Resources and Sustainability Director Gloria Eby, Assistant Director of Public Works Don Marcotte, Stormwater Engineer Shannon Monahan, Lakes Division Manager Joey Cordell, Winter Park Police Department Luke Hofer, Admin Coordinator/Recording Secretary Victoria Tabor.

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Webman at 12:00 p.m.

(2) Consent Agenda

Motion to approve minutes August 9, 2022 made by Mr. Swartz, seconded by Mr. Vermuth. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote. Mr. Bendick was absent.

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

No Public Speakers

(4) Public Hearings

(5) Action Items

a. Muscovy Duck Removal:

Mrs. Eby gave a presentation on the Muscovy Ducks, which are an invasive species, populate quickly, inbreed with the native waterfowl, and contribute to poor water quality. The link to FWC website that gives more information about the Muscovy duck was included in the agenda packet. Because the ducks are an invasive species, they cannot be relocated and must be euthanized. The Natural Resources & Sustainability and Parks and Recreation departments are doing an education campaign; however, this is cause resident concerns and is highly controversial. Mrs. Eby responded to questions providing additional details on the removal process.

Commissioner Weaver asked staff how trappers charge and Mrs. Eby said that the city had previously received quotes from a local company based on the total job. Mrs. Eby responded to questions from a resident of 1151 Via Salerno on removal and residents feeding the ducks. Mrs. Eby said removal is an ongoing, and the current plan is to provide education to residents.

Motion to move forward with removal of the Muscovy Ducks made by Mr. Webman, seconded by Mr. Bloom. Motion carried unanimously with a 6-0 vote. Mr. Bendick was absent. Mrs. Eby informed the board that this will now go to the Parks and Recreation board and then to the City Commission for final approval.

(6) Non-Action Items

a. Private Lift Stations: Water/Wastewater Department -

Mrs. Eby stated this a follow-up to discussions of the lift station failure at Lakeside Plaza on 1792 that spilled into Lake Killarney and questions raised regarding maintenance and accountability of private lift stations. Because of those questions, city staff is reviewing the city code and considering language that

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would provide safeguards related to private lift stations. Staff will provide updates to the Board as they become available.

b. Chain of Lakes Open House in the Fall -

During the FLMS conference Mrs. Eby and Mr. Cordell learned of Fish and Wildlife Conservation approach to the Harris Chain of Lakes and Mrs. recommended following their approach to have an open house for residents on the Chain of Lakes. The Board supported the idea and staff will coordinate dates and venue and provide an update to the Board

(7) Staff Updates

a. Winter Park Police -

Officer Hofer gave the board an update on activity in the past few months which has been reduced since school has resumed and because of continued enforcement. In the past couple months, he has conducted 59 safety inspections and 63 vessel stops. He noted that September was the last month of the lake season and routine patrol but the police department will continue to respond to calls.

b. Lakes Management -

Mr. Cordell advised that the boat length ordinance was adopted by the City Commission. He reported on lake treatments: a 48-acre hydrilla treatment on Lake Virginia, 6-acre hydrilla treatment on Lake Killarney/Killarney Cove, 25-acre cabomba treatment on the west side of Lake Maitland, 10 of which was also algae targeted. On the west shore of Lake Maitland, staff did a tank mix that would also treat algae as a trial to see how it would do with the floating debris. Updates to the Lakes Webpage, Water Quality Portal, and Online Boat Permit are ongoing. Mr. Cordell spoke about eelgrass which is an ongoing issue for other cities. Mr. Webman spoke about equipment he saw on Lake Maitland that was chopping up the eelgrass and staff don't recommend it. Staff sent out a letter to the lakeside residents on the chain of lakes to remind them of the policy of the Val-run because residents were abusing the day. Resident contracted people out to pile the eelgrass on their docks, which would cover the entire dock. If residents contract the work out to remove the floating eelgrass the contractor needs to haul it off. Staff showed the board the Weedo equipment to remove eelgrass has been ordered.

Mr. Cordell informed the board about the fishing event at MLK Park on October 1st.

Staff showed pictures from the paddleboard clean up on the chain of lakes which resulted in the removal of 60 pounds of trash from the lake.

Mr. Cordell informed the board of the EV Car Show and Sustainability Fair on September 24th at the West Meadow which include a fully electric boat.

Staff gave an update on and showed photos of the Howell Branch Preserve project and explained each colored area on the map.

c. Stormwater Management -

Mr. Marcotte provided an update Capital Improvement Plan and summarized status of current and future projects: drainage improvement at Pine Tree has finished, plans for the Central County Ditch Piping project is 60% complete and will be sent to Seminole County for review and feedback, and to with St. John Water Management District for permitting.

(8) Board Comments

Discussion of Public Comments Received - No public comments were received.

(9) Upcoming Agenda Items

Discussion of Upcoming Agenda Items -

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- Commissioner Sullivan to come to the next meeting to speak about the fountains at MLK Pond.
- Mr. Webman brought up the idea of a drone for the Val-Run for a more efficient way for the day.

(10) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for November 8th,2022 (in person only)

Minutes approved by the Board on 11/08/2022.

/s/ Recording Secretary Victoria Tabor