

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
LAKES AND WATERWAYS ADVISORY BOARD**

**Regular Meeting
Winter Park Country Club
761 Old England Ave.**

**April 15, 2015
12:00 pm**

MINUTES

Present: Todd Weaver (Chm.), Nora Miller, Amy Byrd, David Moorhead, Jim Barnes, Geoff Bedine, Marty Sullivan

Absent: Thomas Smith

City of Winter Park Staff: Troy Attaway, Public Works Director, Don Marcotte, Stormwater Eng/Asst PW Director; Tim Egan, Environmental Resource Mgr.; Amy Giannotti, Asst. Environmental Resource Mgr.; Peter Moor, Budget Manager, Michelle Neuner, Asst. City Manager; Debbie Wilkerson Recording Secretary

Guests: Paul Ritter, Stormwater/Lakes Manager, City of Maitland

CALL TO ORDER. Chm. Weaver called the Lakes and Waterways Advisory Board to order at 12:04 pm.

Citizen comments:

John Webb, 697 Balmoral, expressed concern about the brightness of lights on the shoreline structures on Lake Berry. The Board does not usually address this issue, but Mr. Egan will discuss the lighting code with Jeff Briggs, Manager, Planning Dept. Mr. Webb also asked questions about the size of boats allowed on the chain of lakes. Mr. Egan responded.

administration

Approval of Minutes

Chm Weaver asked for approval of the minutes from the March 18, 2015. Motion made by Mr. Sullivan to approve the March 18, 2015 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bedine. Motion carried unanimously (7-0)

new business

New Ideas

Mr. Sullivan announced that he will not be seeking reappointment to the Lakes Board but is seeking appointment to the Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Board.

Chm. Weaver brought up for discussion the amount of newspaper like trash found in the lakes. He commented that during stormwater events a lot of this type of material seems to flow into the lakes from the stormwater outfalls. The Board discussed possible options to eliminate this trash including, increased enforcement, a distribution fee, and publication protection under free speech. Mr. Egan offered to include a discussion in the newsletter on the impact of flyers and brochures to the lakes.

Mr. Bedine suggested reviewing the impact of lighting on the lake environment as part of the review process for shoreline applications. Mr. Egan will provide a copy of the city's lighting codes at the May meeting.

action items

Shoreline Permit Applications:

SAP 15-06, Request of Dennis DeVona and Lori Boardman for approval to construct a boathouse dock 701 Balmoral Rd, on Lake Berry. Mr. Egan provided the details of this request adding that the applicant has applied for a variance for length and area and that a letter of no objection for 5' setback will be provided prior to the hearing. The Board of Adjustment meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2015. Mr. Egan stated that the site plan is in compliance with code and staff is recommending approval pending decision of the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Egan reviewed the variance process for the Board. Mr. Egan explained the approval options available to the Board. Mr. Egan responded questions and requests for clarification from the Board regarding the application.

John Webb, 697 Balmoral Rd, spoke in opposition to the application expressing concerns about the length of the dock. He shared some suggested revisions to the application.

Chm. Weaver expressed concern with approving the application since it was missing water depth information, setting precedence for square footage increase or a lake, other than Lake Killarney, moving the length of the dock out 6 ft. He recommended sending the application to the Board of Adjustment for approval with some recommendations. The Board discussed recommendations. Dr. Moorhead moved to defer the application to the Board of Adjustment with the following recommendations and concerns as articulated by Mr. Egan:

A resident and adjacent property owner (John B. Webb – 697 Balmoral Road) spoke in opposition of the extra length. Mr. Webb preferred instead that the boathouse be bulkheaded and dredged if additional depth is needed (staff noted that this option would require a State of Florida Environmental Resource Permit and periodic maintenance dredging).

1. The information provided to the Lakes Board did not include sufficient water depth information to explain hardship and therefore took no action. The Lakes Board strongly recommends that the applicant show definitive proof of hardship (in the form of water depth data and boat lift specifications) to the Board of Adjustments before the request for additional length is granted.
2. The Lakes Board recommends that the request for an additional 19 square feet of additional area be denied and that the deck area be reduced to accommodate any additional created by the additional walkway needed to reach the additional length (if approved).
3. A letter of no objection for the proposed five foot side yard setback was not provided to the Lakes Board and we recommend that staff and the applicant provide this letter to the Board of Adjustments before other aspects of this request are considered.

motion seconded by Chm. Weaver, motion carried unanimously, (7-0)

Mr. Egan reiterated how the variance procedure was developed. The Board discussed possible changes to the procedure for dock variances.

Budget Presentation

Mr. Moore presented a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the City's Stormwater Budget covering operation funds, capital improvement projects (CIP) funding, lake clarity levels, levels of service, merit based pay system, growth issues, expenditure issues, and stormwater CIP forecast. Mr. Attaway commented that the focus of the stormwater utility will change as more of the outfalls are completed and the emphasis changes to maintenance. Mr. Moore responded to questions.

reports

Mead Botanical Garden

Mr. Attaway reported that construction will begin in two weeks on the habitat wetland restoration. They are calling this the Otter Pond, which is located in the wetland behind the new stage that they built that overlooks the wetland. Money has also been set aside to restore the boardwalk and for educational signage.

Lakes Patrol – WP Police

Routine patrols started last week. The Police Dept. is hoping to have a trained lakes officer on each shift.

Mr. Barnes commented on the loud noise on Lk Maitland from some boats in the afternoon. Lakes Patrol will adjust hours in order to have an officer look into it.

Stormwater Management –Don Marcotte

He reported on the following:

- FY 2016 Capital Improvement Project budget will be the same as 2015, \$650,000 with the next 5 years decreasing by \$25,000 per year
- 4 applications for 319 Grants were submitted this week.
- Wrapping up Howard Drive and it looks very good. Beesmats will be installed soon. Ms. Giannotti explained what Beesmats are and responded to questions. The project can be viewed at 225 Howard Dr.
- Fawsett Rd. is almost complete.
- Mr. Attaway announced that a land swap that will allow the City to expand a pond on Nicolet to treat more stormwater before it goes into Lk Killarney will go to the City Commission on April 27. Mr. Attaway responded to questions regarding stormwater for the I-4 project.

Lakes Report – Tim Egan

- Mr. Egan distributed water clarity reports and is available for questions by phone or email.
- Ms. Giannotti reported on the Lk Virginia Watershed clean up. The event was sponsored by Keep Winter Park Beautiful and Sustainable. The cleanup covered 944 acres, the entire Lk Virginia Watershed, utilized 77 volunteers who collected 495 lbs. of trash in three hours.
- Ms. Giannotti also announced that we are using a biocontrol method to manage water hyacinth in Winter Park. This will hopefully decrease our reliance on herbicides and bring about a more natural means by which this plant can be controlled. Lake Waumpi was stocked on March 25, and Lakes Killarney and Berry are slated for the coming weeks.

City of Maitland

Mr. Ritter reported:

- Bids have been received for the Lake Sybelia outfall project on Audubon Way.
 - Bids for the Lake Sybelia stormwater project, offline retention system by the Art Center should be received next week.
 - Bidding for Minneola Rd stormwater improvements
 - He had a stormwater booth at the Maitland Art Festival at Lake Lily
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Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m. Next meeting date May 20, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Wilkerson

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Recording Secretary