

Sunset Lake Commission
February 4, 2020 – City Council Chambers
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order, 7:00 p.m., City Council Chambers

Pledge of Allegiance

Notice of Requirements: The notice requirements of C. 231, P.L. 1975, have been met by transmitting the notice of Regular Meeting to the Commissioner’s official, posting the notice where required and filing a copy of the notice with the Commission Clerk. – Read by Commission Co-Chair Jaimee Nadell.

ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Jaimee Nadell (Co-Chair), Sue Henderson (Co-Chair), William McClave (Superintendent of Public Works), Chet Boles (Secretary), Marc Ax (Treasurer) and Sam Berzok
- b. Absent: Eileen Chapman (City Council Liaison) and Brian Watkins

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES – 1/7/2019: All present voted YES.

MOTION TO MOVE TO NEW BUSINESS – All present voted YES to allow a presentation by Tom Pivinski regarding a new project for the Lake and Park

- “Remember Me” Presentation by Tom Pivinski:

- In an effort to replace damaged and aging trees around the City, the Environmental Shade Tree Commission (ETSC) is launching a new tree planting project in 2020 called “Remember Me”.
- The ESTC will be planting 25 young trees throughout the City beginning in March (through October). Each tree will be planted in honor of an event (birthday, anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah, baptism, etc.) or in memory of a special person in one’s life. In order to further personalize this planting, donors will collaborate with the ESTC to select the appropriate species of tree they’d like to sponsor as well as the site of its planting. Donors also will be invited to help the ESTC volunteers plant the tree. Each tree will be fitted with a 20-gallon water bag to ensure its development for 2-3 years.
- A “Remember Me” tree will cost a \$225.00 donation. A portion of the funding of these trees will come from the newly established non-profit and tax deductible 501c3, “The Friends of APESTC.” “The Friends of APESTC will donate \$50.00 per tree and is inviting all residents and friends either to donate the entire cost or the remaining \$175.00 per tree.

- To donate or to purchase a tree for the “Remember Me” tree planting project, contact Tom Pivinski at iksnivip@aol.com
- Sue Henderson cautioned Tom that plantings should not interfere with the Master Plan or they would need to be replanted. Tom advised the plantings would be in locations where old trees had died so no problem should arise.
- SLC unanimously approved the “Remember Me” initiative.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sunset Lake & Park Master Plan

- Will seek further update from Eileen Chapman on the City Council’s action as to the Plan approved by the Planning Board

- Update on the Condition of the Lake –

- i.** Water Testing Results that were held at Eileen Chapman’s house training in January. Since Eileen was absent results will need to communicate in the next meeting.
- ii.** Wendi Glassman advised there was a great deal of debris in the Lake from the shoreline. Bill McClave advised he would send a few DPW employees to look into it.
- iii.** Wendi Glassman noted that Sunset Lake was in Asbury Park Press article for Toxic Algae. Article titled: NJ’s largest lake is rid of toxic algae, but 8 others remain contaminated. Sam Berzok distributed the article via e-mail. Link to the article is below under Public Input.

- Update on Deal Lake Grant from Sue Henderson – Floating Islands

- Sue Henderson advised that there were going to be 2 MTD’s (Manufactured Treatment Devices) installed at Sunset Lake which would help to catch debris on the Lake. These are both 2 new additions and the SLC was pleasantly surprised.
- Chet Boles questioned why the 2 Floating Islands were moved per the Slides on Sunset Lake as was presented in prior meeting with Princeton Hydro (Jack). In the previous presentation Jack was going to place the Floating Islands on the far western side of the lake. Unfortunately nobody knew.
- Bill McClave will contact Chris Borek to attend the next meeting of the SLC to advise him of Floating Islands to ensure that treatments wouldn’t harm the plants in the Floating Islands and fish in the Lake.
- Sue presented doorknob placards to the Commission regarding care for the Lake that was used years ago by the Deal Lake Commission. May be helpful in the campaign to let people around the lake know to use slow release fertilizers. Wendi Glassman requested to keep the placard for the Conservancy.
- Sue provided a map of the installation sites at Sunset Lakes which are included on the PowerPoint Presentation below:

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- **Update from Bill McClave/DPW**
 - o Bill wanted to ensure that the SLC approved the replacement /expanded sidewalk that was mentioned in the prior months meeting. The SLC unanimously approved the sidewalk replacement along with the pavers that will be installed. The work will start in the Spring.
- **Update on Membership Vacancy**
 - o Sam Berzok has been appointed to the SLC.
- **Informational Flyer re: Slow Acting Fertilizer, Update**
 - o No update regarding the completion of an informational flyer regarding use of low phosphorous fertilizer, will discuss further in March.
- **Letter to City Council recommending Parks Department be established by the City, Update**
 - o Jaimee Nadell is sending the Letter to the Asbury Park City Counsel after unanimous approval by the SLC regarding the contents of the Letter.
- **Sunset Lake Commission Officers**
 - o Vote was held on the Officers and all were unanimously voted upon and accepted. All remain the same with the exception of Sam Berzok who graciously accepted the role as Secretary replacing Chet Boles.
 - o Jaimee Nadell and Sue Henderson were voted as as Co-Chairs an Marx Ax was voted as Treasurer again.
- **Public Input:**
 - o **Sunset Lake Conservancy Update**
 - Wendi Glassman advised that the Conservancy was going to be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Asbury Park and asked that members of the Committee join with them in the march.
 - Wendi Glassman reiterated there would be a Photography Exhibit/ Fund Raiser to be held at the Tides Hotel. Details to follow.
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- o Statement from the Public: Ernest Mignoli repeated his previous request for help from the SLC regarding builder's builders in Asbury leaving materials out and rain may cause asbestos and other materials to wash into the lakes. It was suggested that he contact Frank Pallone directly. Email supplied to him to contact directly. Sue Henderson provided the contact details to Ernest, as the SLC is not an enforcement agency. Ernest asked if the doggie waste bags were biodegradable since Asbury has a plastic bag ordinance in effect. Bill McClave will check at DPW.
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- Final Commission Comment: Sam Berzok wishes to expand the SLC social media presence and will work on improving the footprint on Facebook. Jaimee advised Sam that Sonia Spina would need to be coordinated with.
- Wendi Glassman noted that Sunset Lake was mentioned in the Asbury Park Press. The article was titled “NJ’s largest lake is rid of toxic algae but 6 others remain contaminated” Article link below:
- (<https://www.nj.com/news/2020/01/njs-largest-lake-is-rid-of-toxic-algae-but-8-others-remain-contaminated.html>)

MOTION TO ADJOURN – All presented voted in favor.