

**Sunset Lake Commission  
June 4, 2019  
Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

**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.

**ROLL CALL:**

- Jaimee Nadell, Chair
- Sue Henderson, Co-Chair
- Eileen Chapman, City Council Liaison
- Brian Watkins
- Chester Boles, Secretary

**Absent:**

- Marc Ax, Treasurer
- Patrick Reihing
- William McClave, Superintendent of Public Works

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **T & M Master Plan**
  - o Jaimee Nadell advised that she had been in contact with Christine Ballard of T&M who apologized for the delay. She is awaiting the City Historian Werner Baumgartner to provide comments on historical significance of the park and would have his comments in the next week or two.
  - o Christine is hoping to have the planning document before the next SLC meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - o Brian Watkins had multiple comments on improvements to the previous power point presentation and everyone enjoyed his suggestion to install a flotation

device for the turtles so that everyone could enjoy the vast number of turtles at the lake this year.

- **Conservancy's Roots to Rivers Grant**

- Wendi Glassman of the Conservatory gave an update on the Root to Rivers Grant. She spoke of the continued predicament because a decision on 300 plants must be made by the July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Wendi met with Michelle Alonzo, Tom Pivinski of the AP Environmental Shade Tree Commission and Eileen Chapman regarding plant selections at various nurseries. The grant is specific in that the plants must be native to New Jersey and be a number 1 or 2 container. The process is ongoing and has become difficult as the rules of the grant are not easy to meet but Wendi is doing her best to find a suitable solution.

- **Black Lagoon**

- Sunset Lake was treated with no prior notification from Black Lagoon. Jaimee Nadell will be contacting Chris Borek of Black Lagoon to ensure the communication is improved.
- Brian Watkins had noted that Sunset Lake and Wesley Lake were both treated by Black Lagoon and it appears they are just following last years schedule rather than providing treatments according to needs. Brain noted that he took 30 dead fish out of the lake and also noted that it's to early to treat the lake as the fish are spawning at this time. Brain also advised that that Deal Lake was recommending use of Green Edge Fertilizer rather than Scotts as its more lake friendly. Chester Boles will check with Tom Pivinski to see if Tom has an opinion. Brian also would like to introduce Water Lillie's in Sunset Lake.

- **Sunset Lake Water Testing Training**

- Jason Adolph of Monmouth University trained Brian Watkins (lead), Mark Axe, Jaimee Nadell and Chester Boles on how to test the water in Sunset Lake and how to transmit the data to Clonet.com.
- One training kit is presently held by Brain Watkins and the backup kit is being housed by Mark Axe at his home.
- Testing results are presently being sent to Clonet.com and Jason Adolph.

- **Deal Lake Grant**

- Sue Henderson spoke with Don Brockel and they are working on the engineering aspect of the grant. They are having a meeting with the manufacturer of the devices to see if they need custom or standard tree boxes.

- **DPW Updates**

- Bill McClave advised that new and additional trash receptacles will be placed in Sunset Park and on St Johns Island.

- Bill advised that he will be removing the overgrown hedges on the edge of Sunset Park facing Main Street but wanted to ensure that something aesthetically pleasing would replace the hedges.
- Bill mentioned that he would like to be able to get to some of the tree branches on the Sunset Lake Islands but access is impeded and might “need a bigger boat”.
- Eileen Chapman asked Bill about contacting the State to see if the Grand Ave Bridge might be able to be power washed, painted and or stained. Bill will contact them to see what might be possible.
- **Next Sunset Lake Clean-up**
  - The next clean up will need to be scheduled as garbage is starting to accumulate on the lake edges. Lots of small plastic alcohol bottles and hypodermic needles appear to be on the rise particularly on the Western edge of the lake where there is no light at night.
- **Sunset Lake Conservancy Party hosted by Angelo Chinnichi**
  - Wendi Glassman advised that the event was a huge success for the Conservancy and requested that everyone send a Thank You to Angelo and as a result the Conservancy now has \$6,000 in its coffers. The event after expenses brought in \$2900. Thank You Angelo Chinnini!!!
  - Wendi also advised that feedback on signage was positive for educational signage on wildlife and it was recommended that she contact Tina at the Wesley Lake Commission that had done this previously. Wendi mentioned that punitive signs weren’t well received by members of the Conservancy.
  - Wendi said the manager of Mogo restaurant was happy to send employees to help with Lake Cleanups.
- **Re-election of Officers/Vacancies**
  - There remains a vacant alternate position since Chris Avallone’s resignation.
  - Eileen Chapman requested that if the SLC knew of an interested party and an application would need to be satisfied and attendance at a meeting to ensure suitability.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chester Boles notified the Sunset and Wesley Lake Commissions that the Swan Boat business on Wesley Lake was up for sale for anyone who was interested in purchasing it.
- No public input
- **Motion to adjourn all business -**