

Sunset Lake Commission
October 1, 2019 – 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 Chair Jaimee Nadell.

ROLL CALL:

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

- b. Absent: Brian Watkins

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES – 10/1/2019: All present voted YES.

MOTION TO MOVE TO NEW BUSINESS – All present voted YES.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of Garden of Tears & Hope Planting at Sunset Lake by ETSC with Tom Pivinski & Amy Quinn of the Environmental Shade Tree Commission (“ESTC”):**
 - o Tom Pivinski (Chair) and Amy Quinn (Co-Chair) of the ESTC appeared before the Commission to discuss the upcoming planting of the Garden of Tears and Hope near the Veterans Memorial on 5th Avenue.
 - o Patrick Reihing questioned Tom Pivinski extensively regarding the timing of the project and what, if any, information was communicated to the Commission prior to beginning the planting project.
 - o Tom Pivinski responded that he met with Councilwoman Chapman and Superintendent McClave prior to starting the project.
 - o Councilwoman Chapman acknowledged that more should have been communicated directly with the Commission about the project.
 - o Patrick Reihing pointed out that according to the SLC Charter, the Commission technically has no right to approve or disapprove of plantings at Sunset Lake or

Sunset Lake Park. Tom Pivinski confirmed that as well. Patrick Reihing advised that this will continue to be an issue in the future unless the charter is amended. Sue Henderson voiced her agreement that this needs to be addressed.

- After a thorough discussion of the project, the Commission unanimously approved the ESTC to move ahead with planting of Garden of Tears and Hope.
- Tom Pivinski advised that the planting had previously been halted by the City at the request of Councilwoman Chapman and Conservancy member Wendi Glassman so that it could be addressed with the Commission.
- Tom Pivinski agreed that moving forward he will communicate directly with the Jaimee Nadell, Chair of the SLC, with any future projects involving the Lake and Park.

- **Deal Lake Grant Update, Floating Island Presentation by Jack Szczepanski, Phd. Of Princeton Hydro:**

- Jack Szczepanski advised that he will be in charge of the floating island/tree box component of the Lake Grant.
- He distributed a map showing the locations within the Lake that he believes the floating islands will have the greatest impact on the Lake's water quality. The floating islands would all be clustered in the western-most portion of the Lake because that is where he identified that location had sufficient depth and the islands would have an opportunity to absorb the most phosphorous and nitrogen at that location.
- The islands would be expected to grow into mature plantings over several years. Fences would be installed on the islands to avoid animals eating the plants.
- Jack advised that the total budget for Sunset Lake in the Grant is \$37,000.00. The cost of production of the floating islands is approximately \$17,000.00 excluding plants, anchors and installation, which Jack stated would not be expensive.
- Jack provided manufacturer information for the islands, which are produced in Minnesota. Installation would not take place until the Spring.
- Patrick Reihing questioned Jack Szczepanski extensively about whether or not the proposed placement of the floating islands would most benefit Sunset Lake or Deal Lake. Jack assured the Commission that while Deal Lake would, of course, benefit from a cleaner Sunset Lake, that placing the floating islands in the western-most corner of the Lake would provide the greatest impact on reducing the nitrogen and phosphorous levels in the Lake.
- Jack's contact information is as follows: jszczepanski@princetonhydro.com , phone number (908) 237-5660

- **CLONET Meeting**

- The Coastal Lakes Meeting to review 2019 test results will take place at Monmouth University on Nov 1, 2019. Chet Boles will send the SLC meeting notes for those who cannot attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION TO MOVE TO OLD BUSINESS TO NEXT MEETING, 12/3/19 – All present voted YES.

PUBLIC INPUT – None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – All present voted YES.