

LAKE EDGEWOOD CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Board of Directors Special Meeting
May 31, 7:00pm
Minutes

Those in attendance: Chairman Stege, Rakowski, Stallsworth, Jeff Snodgrass, Steve Smith, David Kent, and nineteen Freeholders.

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Called to meeting 7:01

7:04pm – Leased Space – Greg Township renewal of lease for the clubhouse. Firefighters had no equipment in the building, it was noticed. The board thought the utilization could be better if we used the space. The board is concerned that there is no engine in the leased parking garage, they have one on lease to Martinsville, but insisted they would have it back in the space once Martinsville received theirs. Firefighters were washing personal vehicles, and it was concerning because the LECD pays for water and electricity. The firefighters currently leasing the space have been confirmed to be the first responders that would service the lake in the event of an incident. The board deliberated on making the firefighters pay for an expense such as the water bill. There is also a discussion of adding a second meter to the building so they can be responsible for paying for the electric and water usage. Those in charge now under the new firefighter administration has done significant improvements to the call system and recruiting efforts of firefighters to service the area. The board made note that the cost for the furnace may also need to be tracked, though a readily available solution was not brought up. Two general courses of action for the proposal to the firefighters would be either splitting the services to have them pay exact usage or estimate a rough usage to ask them to pay annually. One of the Freeholders noted that there are only a certain number of fire engines that can fit into this building, and the board should review the agreement to see if an engine is supposed to be stored here or if it only states an emergency vehicle. Joe Stallsworth noted that there have been numerous incidents and either Martinsville has shown up, or there seems to be a misappropriation of volunteer force showing up to incidents. The question is if the volunteer force is using the space available for the proper equipment, or if it is being used for personal equipment. Chairman Stege states the budget for propane, water and electric is roughly \$3,600 annually – and asks the question if there should be a flat usage rate or whether a separate meter should be installed. There is a question brought up on whether there could be a tax incentive for allowing the space to be used, however much of the crowd believes the answer would be no incentive. The consensus is that the space being used should not be a social place and used for effective professional business. Motion for a \$150 monthly fee for the firefighters, with addendums of no overnight stays, and no washing of personal vehicles. Motion passes with no objections.

7:30pm – Birdhouse Cove Dock Expansion – The board has obtained 3x quotes for potentially investing into the expansion of the boat dock slips in birdhouse cove. They also have a proposal for sketch, as well as to cover expenses. The estimate for the expansion is roughly \$9,000 (\$4,500 in material, \$4,500 in labor). There are budget lines that are discussed to have been moved around in order to address riprap needed and identified during a dam inspection. There is a potential for 4x extra boat slips to be built in birdhouse cove. The proposed dock expansion would be 40ft toward the direction of the birdhouse island in the end of the cove. This expansion would allow for all those on the waiting list to have slips for

boat usage. One of the Freeholders is concerned over property value if the boat slips were to encroach upon his view. The parking spaces for golf carts is discussed as well, and how that is only available because the current property owner is allowing them. There is a large discussion over moving the guardrail closest to the current dock slips, so they may be utilized for golf cart parking by owners of boat slip. The question of whether the LECD can fill and use the small pond across the current boat slip is discussed, however this brings up the possibility of inviting DNR if that property is deemed wetlands. There is a concern for safety brought up by a Freeholder of the issue of pedestrian traffic in the road area by the boat slips. One Freeholders inquiries about the exact rules behind the waitlist and if there is a way to rotate the users with those one the waitlist. The board explains the contract is a year long agreement and the current lease holders must have their contracts and fees in on time to retain their boat slip. The board also explained that if anyone sells their home, and they happen to have a boat slip, the board then takes back ownership. One freeholder asks if the current list on the LECD website is up to date, and the board believes that it is – and if it isn't it would only be off by one name. Chairman Stege explains the process for getting onto the waitlist. The board also makes note of if those slips are not being used, they may approach the owner on why they're not utilizing the space. Motion to approve the dock expansion, with a forthcoming resolution that the board will not encroach into John Allbritten's view of the lake with a future expansion.

8:13pm – Dock Insurance – There are some questions about the three docks that are not a part of the expansion currently located in birdhouse cove, and how they are tied to a certain residency. The insurance surrounding these docks is brought up, and one of the Freeholders with a dock in question stated that their insurance company is treated similarly to a shed or an outbuilding if there were to be an accident.

8:20pm – Dock Proposal (Jandreau) – Freeholder Jandreau has requested a dock to be built, however the board is not certain the placement is something that is able to be done. This is tricky as the spot is high traffic, and it is on two other Freeholders property. The board currently has no say in the matter, but highly recommends against setting the precedent of off the water Freeholders being able to build on the water if they work agreements with those on the water.

8:26pm – Dock Proposal (Rakowski) – Jake R. is proposing a dock being built across the road from an “off the water” plot. Lot 75 is requesting an expansion being built onto a current dock. This would require a modification of current agreements, that introduces numerous planning and administrative considerations as well as potentially legal issues. Motion to disapprove the dock proposal, motion passes with one objection (Rakowski).

8:34pm – Dock Proposal (Shane Ford) – The board reviewed imagery of a proposed dock rebuild/reconfiguration. Motion to accept as proposed and passes without objection.

8:37pm – New Business – Jake R. shows a proposed shed going within a fenced in back yard. Jake R. stated the city councilman told the property owner they would need permission from the LECD, because the structure is over 200sqft. Motion to accept as proposed and passes without objection.

8:40pm – Public Comment – Bart Mercer explains how they normally pay upwards of \$3,000 annually for the 4th of July party and asks for public donation to help pay for the expenses. Another Freeholder inquired whether dogs are allowed for lake usage, and if there could be a monthly dog day at the beach. Another Freeholder explains they would like stickers to be on vehicles at the beach, so they can help

enforce lake usage and ensuring no public people are out there. The board explains that all Freeholders have a say and must help enforce the usage of the beach area. All Freeholders have a vested interest in making sure it is properly being used. Another Freeholder explains the only issue they've witnessed would be lack of parking in that area. There are several Freeholders expressing concerns over their check dams that are not being properly maintained. This discussion is tabled until the end of the meeting. Siltation is brought up again and that the community must have input on whether perfectly maintained siltation ponds and weirs is their priority or if it is maximizing recreational usage of the lake, for example more boat slips. One Freeholder inquires on how the board came up with the \$300 annual fee for boat slip usage and is referred to the minutes. The cost was generally geared towards maintenance and insurance costs associated with renting those slots. There are concerns over the maintenance and that the board needs to uphold their end of getting the task accomplished.

8:47pm – Logging – There is currently logging being conducted towards the entrance of the lake, and some Freeholders are concerned with potential drainage issues.

Motion to adjourn at 8:53pm, motion passes without objection.

David Kent

Acting Secretary