

# LAKE EDGEWOOD CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## Board of Directors Meeting

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:00pm

Those in attendance: Chairwoman Stege, Director Rakowski, Director Stallsworth, Director Nealy, Director Smith, Financial Clerk Mr. Horn, and 8 freeholders.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm, by Chairwoman Stege, and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Financials** – Financial Clerk Horn reads the financial reports. April 30, 2023, paid Crone accounting, Electric, Home Bank paid \$10,000 to reduce balance and cut interest charges. REMC, Chairwoman Stege paid \$345 for boat stickers, PondsRx, and Jack’s Trash. Budget is \$119,900 and there is \$89,900 left in the budget. May 31 paid Crone accountant, \$539 paid for two large buoys (not received at this time), Water payment, PondsRx, GrassChopper, and electric. \$103,879 in balance remaining. Income is reflected from watercraft registration in the amount of over \$5,000, dock rental \$2,700, and \$1,200 for firehouse rental. Motion to accept Director Rakowski, seconded by Director Nealy, motion passes without objection.

**2023 Budget** – There are some items which will be either new or additional costs to the budget which are not reflected in this year’s budget. For example, the dam inspection next year in the amount of \$3,500. The LECD website is potentially able to get hosted via the same provider on a different service. Information which exists on the website is still searchable, however, there is no way to access the page to update it currently. There may be an increase to the amount of the budget but not much. One freeholder recommends using the Google service they have used in the past, which would be a significant cost saving. Questions on the texting service are discussed on whether it is effective to distribute information to the community. Financial Clerk Horn reviews several routine line items. Issues of dredging or removal of siltation is brought up by Director Rakowski, and Chairwoman Stege discusses already having a quote coming from Richard Wallace. Director Stallsworth brings attention to the rapidly deteriorating boat ramp and beach area. Discussion on lower the lake is had, however there are concerns with adding that to the already restrained budget for this year. Removal of siltation from the Weir essentially removes the opportunity to do any further maintenance for this year. Budget increases for grass service are discussed to add in spraying for weeds into the allowance for GrassChopper.

**Greg Township Fire Department Training** – There will be dive training taking place June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Community Engagement** – Director Smith discusses an incident with kayakers who were on the water during lake treatment day. These kayakers left the lake at the public beach area, in a dark truck. This incident is brought forward because no one on the board seemed to have received a call, which the board would like to remind the Freeholders that ensuring the lake is used by those with lake rights’ only is a responsibility of the entire community. The lake is posted no trespassing, and the board reminds the Freeholders to call the police if there is suspicious activity going on. A discussion is also held on potentially introducing Lake Edgewood stickers so we can easily determine who lives in the area and who should not be there. Additionally, the option to add in a gate restricted access to the road leading to the beach to ensure no one goes down there unless they are a member of the community.

**Beach Cookout** – The board would like to organize another beach cookout to learn about all the new Freeholders within the lake. There is the potential for it to be at noon on July 29<sup>th</sup>. During this event the board will be asking Freeholders their preferences on how to get information and whether they know how to get additional information.

**Flashing** – The firehouse flashing is still requiring repair. Director Rakowski is trying to get an update on the repairman responsible for that job. The timeline for repair is allegedly next week.

**Boat Registration** – The board has not ever asked Freeholders for titles of boat. The board is concerned about Freeholders allowing people other than the boat owner using to operate without them being present. There are provisions on allowing people to use kayaks or fish from personal property, but the issue is with boats not being owned by the person using it or living out here. Boat registration will also require liability covering specifically the boat.

**Public Comment** – Director Stallsworth addresses a tree in the water near the peninsula across bird house cove.

Motion to adjourn by director Rakowski, seconded by Director Stallsworth. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Stuard

LECD Secretary