

LAKE EDGEWOOD CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting December 12, 2023, 7:00pm

Those in attendance: Chairwoman Stege, Director Rakowski, Director Stallsworth, Director Smith, Financial Clerk Mr. Horn, and 6 freeholders.

Minutes – The minutes from the November meeting will be presented at the January Meeting.

Financials – Financial Clerk Horn reads the financial reports for November and discussed remaining bills that will be due before year’s end. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Director Smith, seconded by Director Rakowski, motion passes without objection. Resolution 23-5 was presented to reconcile year end budget line items. Motion to accept Res 23-5 was made by Director Rakowski, seconded by Director Stallsworth, all were in favor and the motion passes without objection.

Lake Lowering – The actual lowering for this year is complete and we are ready for mother nature to fill us back up. Several homeowners took advantage of the low water to do shore line repairs and to build new docks. While the water was down, improvements were also made to the boat ramp. New concrete and gravel were placed to fix existing ruts and to help with erosion. Further work is going to be done as weather permit to bring in some clay and sand to even out the beach by the ramp to make a smooth transition in to the water. A bid was submitted by Director Rakowski for this work and Director Smith motioned to accept and Director Stallsworth seconded. All were in favor.

Dredging - Freeholder Rakowski had contracted with a vendor to remove some silt from his cove. The process was discussed for use in other areas of the lake. Jake did present the bill to the board requesting consideration for a portion of the bill to be paid by the Conservancy district. No vote was taken. There will be a committee formed to create a long-term plan for maintaining the original dredge as well as the need for shorter term silt removal at various locations as budget lines will need to accommodate any future projects. There was a dredge machine that was found for sale online and benefits of having a machine were discussed. Any capital expenditure would have to be a part of the ongoing siltation maintenance plan/budget.

Lot 7# and 17 discussions – The board had discussed this topic during the November meeting and voted not to pursue legal expenses related to the easement on these 2 lots. Freeholder Hubbard brought forth her concerns that lot 7 was in the engineering certificate as a “freeway” for the original 35 lots. (1-35) This seems the access would not extend to Freeholders of Subdivisions 2 and 3. The lots have been bought and sold many times since the certificate was created in 1957 and the building of the first subdivision of Lake Edgewood. The current Freeholder Mattix’s were also in attendance and were open to solutions if access if ever needed. The concern is a wall that is being built on the lot that would block the access to the waterfront. Director Smith reiterated there has not been any need for additional access and the costs to change these into access points would entail large sums of money in legal fees, long term maintenance issues, increases to Liability insurance and initial construction costs. Additional entry points would also create more safety concerns on adjacent streets. It is the current LECD board’s opinion that the easement is there if a future Board and or project determines access is needed. Investigations can be done to review the costs of the overall project at later date.

Area 2 Director nominations – Jeff Anderson has submitted his nomination form with the required signatures. There were not multiple nominations received so Mr. Anderson will be installed as the new director at the Annual Meeting in February.

LECD Board Secretary position is open and we are in need of someone. Please reach out to the board if interested!

Motion to adjourn by Director Smith, seconded by Director Stallsworth. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Stege LECD Chairman