Ball Pond Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2022 7:00 pm
Senior Center Community Room

Mission: The Ball Pond Advisory Committee closely monitors the water quality and living community comprising Ball Pond: applying best lake management practices, and encouraging good stewardship by the watershed community, to ensure the health of the lake for current and future generations, as well as for the wildlife that relies upon it.

Attendees: Peter Viola, Mary Yulo, Gary Mummert, Jullian Laemmerhart, George Buck, Monica Santos

Meeting Agenda:
1. Call to Order George Buck 7:00pm , 2nd Mary, all in favor unanimous
2. Approval of minutes (May 3, 2022),
Pete motioned to approve may 3, 2022, GB 2nd, all in favor unanimous
3. Correspondence - Review Proposal from Ed Wong
With the new contract with AER the current committee members are not sure where the division of efforts is with WCON and Larry at AER. We feel we should check with Larry @ AER to confirm that there is value using WCONN and not an overlap of his efforts.
Pete made a motion we approve and refer to Larry and Tim Simpkins to concur that this is an added value and agreements.
Motion seconded by Mary. Committee approved unanimously.
If Tim and Larry do not agree, we will look to get another recommendation from Ed Wong.
4. Alternates – (Pete)
Pete asked the President of the BP community beach who put out an email. There weren’t any responses with interest.
Monica will follow up with Town Hall for status on the Tony Nunes.
5. Retention Ponds – (Pete)
Pete spoke to Tim Simpkins who said he looks at the retention ponds and if there any issues he mentions to public works.
6. Education Goal:
FBP newsletter with BPAC Update (Mary)
FBP sent out email this month and Mary distributed hard copies around the pond. She has a print out that will be made available during the FBP annual meeting this month. Pete mentioned that Craig Rosen may share the newsletter with the community email list as well.
Senior Center PPT (Jim) - no updates
Any volunteers for “Libraries Love Lakes” month – (Jim & Pete) - no updates
7. Updates for sending a letter to Rep. Callahan regarding glyphosate spraying and road salts. (Monica) -
Gary Mummertt reported that Pat Callahan worked with the state road crew and had a “no spray” and “end of no spray” signs installed along the pond side.
There is a newsletter that will be distributed to land owners Gary has put together regarding how to maintain the private property along the guardrail to keep the weeds down.
Julian put a motion to approved Gary’s efforts, Pete seconded, committed unanimously approved.
8. Relocate BPAC boat (Julian)
Julian has moved the boat to his dock and will have it secured and covered.
9. New Business
Mary brought up there is an area opposite the retention pond that was mowed and a neighbor mentioned that it should not be mowed by public works if this is public property. Julian noticed on the GIS map and that section of land appears to be part of private property. (No follow up for the committee)
Neighbor brought up that property along Gillotti Rd and BPR East there are new drains going in. George said that part of the road drains south to the swamp and further south. And not into BP. (No follow up for the committee)
10. Public Comment (as time allows)
Gary Mummertt - Ball Pond Town Beach -
> Who has the responsibility for maintenance? George mentioned that town and parks and rec does not take responsibility. It has been maintained by the volunteers and all the perennials that were planted have been mowed down. Gary will maintain the butterfly garden.
> Importantly the retaining wall is failing at the town beach. Suggestion is to take it down and put in another barrier such as a native buffer zone with pathways. Mary mentioned there was a proposal years ago to have a garden / pathway.
Julian motioned to bring the wall failing to Tim Simpkins for his recommendations, George seconded, committee agree unanimously
11. Adjournment - Motion Pete, Mary seconded, in favor unanimously 8:16.

 Received by email on 06/08/2022 @ 9:16 a.m.

 By Tricia Quinn, Asst. Town Clerk, New Fairfield