

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

**MINUTES**

June 25, 2009

7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2009 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Walter Hope, and Terry Lent were also present. Brian Bosley was not in attendance.

General Correspondence:

- Cynthia Stevens reported that \$400 will be paid to Bruce Lockhart for his work removing pink water lilies.
- George Buck gave an informal update on the geese situation. At least one resident on Ball Pond has been seen feeding the geese (i.e., not recommended if eliminating them is the goal)

Public Comment:

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Town Beach
  - Cynthia Stevens presented plans for the Town Beach created by Didona Associates and provided through a contribution from the Friends of Ball Pond.
    - Goals
      - not to disrupt the land, but rather to beautify it and to stop erosion
      - act as a demonstration to show others how they can manage their property
    - Recycled materials are planned for benches and a garbage can
    - Only native plantings will be used and a solar pump will be installed to keep them irrigated
    - The plans as presented will cost about \$7,500.
    - Discussion/questions ensued about the plans including:
      - How much space is truly needed for the boat launch?
      - Is there a need for a small retaining wall or is the slope gradual enough that plantings will be enough?
      - Would it be possible to have a small dock for fishing? Or could that be added to the plans as option for "future?" Let's add 5 feet to the fishing area in any case.
      - The name on the plans should be changed to "Ball Pond Public Park" to make clear that it is not a beach.

- The next step will be for Steve Merullo to consider and hopefully approve the plans and present them to Inland/Wetlands (with a representative from Didona Associates); Ball Pond Advisory Committee members should try to be present.
- Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to approve the plans from Didona Associates in concept for the Ball Pond Public Park. (She will contact Jane with the Committee's questions). Helen Gallagher made the motion as stated. Terry Lent seconded the motion.  
Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Adjournment:

- Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to cancel the next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room due to an anticipated lack of quorum. Walter Hope made the motion as stated. George Buck seconded the motion.  
Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)
- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Terry Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.; Walter Hope seconded the motion.  
Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander  
Recording Secretary