

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

September 13, 2011

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Helen Gallagher and Terry Lent were also in attendance. Brian Bosley and George Buck were not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Terry Lent made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 meeting. Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Cynthia Stevens reviewed the latest financial statement. There is \$3,800 for materials and supplies remaining in the budget.
- Mike Coleman will be submitting his bill for diving for approximately \$700
- A bill from Water Quality in the amount of \$280 will be paid soon
- A bill from Benson Environmental in the amount of \$500 will be paid soon
- The committee is hoping to get carp for weed control and will be paying for that too.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Pink water lilies
 - Cynthia Stevens noted that the "Friends of Ball Pond" voted to allocate some money to hire Bruce Lockhart to pull up roots of the pink water lilies.
- Town Park
 - Cynthia Stevens noted that the Ball Pond Town Park held up very well during Hurricane Irene on August 28th. Cynthia Stevens noted that she spoke with First Selectman John Hodge regarding the fencing at the Town Park that needs to be repaired. This will be delayed since Public Works is busy repairing damage in town due to the hurricane.
- Carp
 - MOTION: Helen Gallagher made a motion to add "Discussion of carp" to the agenda. Terry Lent seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion approved)
 - Cynthia Stevens noted that the grate in the pond was lifted during Hurricane Irene to prevent flooding of the road if weeds piled up. As a result, two carp escaped. George Buck rescued one and Michael Podany the other and put them back in the pond. It was decided not to raise the grate in the future unless there is someone to monitor it.
 - Cynthia Stevens noted that she spoke with Mindy Barnett in the Department of Environmental Protection's Inland Fisheries Division. She is currently putting data in a spreadsheet and will try to get more carp for Ball Pond.

New Business:

- Cynthia Stevens spoke of purple loosestrife in the pond. She will research the feasibility of getting more beetles to control this.

Adjournment:

- Helen Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Kloos
Substitute Recording Secretary