

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

**MINUTES**

April 10, 2012

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Brian Bosley (arrived 7:06), George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Terry Lent were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2012 meeting as amended. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence: Cynthia Stevens reviewed the monthly financial summary.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

- Pink Water Lilies
  - Cynthia Stevens posed the question of whether or not the remaining \$700 in this year's budget should be used on pink water lily removal. (BPAC has not yet received a bill from George Benson for \$500 so those funds are still in hold for him.)
    - Terry Lent asked about the possibility of removing the yellow water lilies (native species) from the south end of the lake by cutting them.
      - It was decided that Terry Lent will reach out to the Boy Scouts to see if they would be interested in taking this on as a pilot project.
      - If the Boy Scouts agree, BPAC will design the scope of the project (i.e., location, size, need for a boat, insurance, responsibility for supervision and follow-up)
      - Terry Lent will report back to BPAC at the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.
    - Brian Bosley suggested waiting until June to decide what to do about the pink water lilies.
    - Cynthia Stevens will wait to see what grows and ask Bruce Lockhart for his opinion and an estimate.
    - As an aside, Cynthia Stevens reported that she has been unable to obtain a USDA-required permit to import beetles from New Jersey to Connecticut (the Friends of Ball Pond had agreed to pay for the imported beetles to help combat the purple loosestrife). Connecticut Cooperative Extension is not providing beetles anymore.

New Business: none

Other Business:

- Town Park boat storage

- To date, only one person has approached Cynthia Stevens about storing a boat at the Park. If a number of people make requests, this issue may need to be visited by Public Works (now in charge of the Town Park on Ball Pond).
- Some boats have been left against the fence from the side of a neighbor's property; Cynthia Stevens contacted Public Works to see whether this is a problem.
- Water table
  - George Buck reported that the water table is very low which will probably lead to high weed volume this season. This, in turn, will affect water quality.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
  - Cynthia Stevens remarked that she will not be able to attend the May meeting and that Vice Chair Brian Bosley will chair the meeting.
- Terry Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; Brian Bosley seconded the motion.  
Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander  
Recording Secretary