

BALL POND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES - REVISED
Tuesday, July 10, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Conference Room

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

Brian Bosley called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. George Buck and Helen Gallagher were also in attendance. Cynthia Stevens and Terry Lent were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2012 meeting. George Buck seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Invasive Species

Brian Bosley saw considerably fewer weeds than last month. There is a 100 or 200 foot clearing in the north end that was not there two weeks ago. The pink water lilies were removed by Bruce Lockhart with good results. Only a few isolated lilies remain at this time. Brian Bosley also saw quite a few carp. Brian went fishing last week and caught many 14 to 18 inch bass – very healthy. The water looks clean and clear. Also, he will try to investigate the buoy floating in the middle of the lake near Helen's house.

George Buck was explaining that the initial stocking in the late 1990's was with 411 carp; the 3rd year had great results; We need approximately 400 grass carp to be effective in keeping bio mass down to 50%. They put in 411 carp in 1997; 75 the next year; and 75 twice in the past 3 years. He wants to gain an assessment of the lake now. George says we need 400 fish to get the weed mass down 50%. The assessment needed is based on a 10% attrition rate since the initial stocking. We should take photos of the lake; perhaps asking the Friends of Ball Pond to do this for us. Taking photos in May and June will give us an approximate assessment of weeds – these are the times we have the worst weed mass.

George and Cynthia went to Walton Lake in NY in the mid 1990's. That lake used a 22% attrition rate for the carp calculations. That lake was overstocked. The 10% attrition rate is likely more accurate than 22% in similar lakes in this area. More discussion ensued regarding the attrition of the lake and the lost fish due to the hurricane in August, 2011 because of flooding. This, in turn, may have been impossible to keep clean.

In conclusion, an attrition calculation was lightly discussed to see where we are at so as not to overstock.

- Town Park
“No Boats” signs are now present at the Town Park; beach is useable; weeds are not bad there at this time. Beach is looking much better and cleaner.

New Business:

- Update on Hahlawah Preserve
The Boy Scouts were asked to clean out the water lilies; no response from them yet. A request from the Land Trust for tree removal is in motion.

Helen will bring an early 1900's photo (s) of Lake Hahlawah or our present day Ball Pond for our next meeting.

- New Members for BPAC
Two new people will attend our August Meeting who are interested in becoming new members: Mark Spellman and Peter Viola.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, August 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall Lunch Room. A new schedule of meetings was distributed to the members (note the new locations and new day).
- Brian Bosley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm; George Buck seconded the motion.
 - Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion Approved).

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Hykes
Substitute for Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary