

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

April 11, 2013

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, April 11, 2013 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Mark Spellmann, Terry Lent, and Peter Viola were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Peter Viola made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 regular meeting; Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Budget for 2013-14 – Cynthia Stevens hasn't heard about final numbers but was told by the Finance Department that cuts would be made.

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

- Carp stocking
 - The Inland Fisheries Division of the State DEEP has approved the acquisition of 175 triploid grass carp (10"-12").
 - The carp will be purchased from Keo Fish Farms, Inc. for \$14526.25 which includes \$450.00 for shipping.
 - The water temperature in Ball Pond must be warmer for safe stocking to occur. George Buck will monitor the temperature and will coordinate delivery with Keo, probably in mid-May. The carp will be stocked at the boat launch.
 - George Buck has been involved with the Candlewood Lake Authority as a consultant as they consider whether or not to start a grass carp project similar to that on Ball Pond to address their milfoil issue. Consensus is that it would be great to have the Ball Pond project formally written up and published, possibly by a graduate student from an area university.

New Business:

- 35 Ball Pond Road East – Joseph Riley, property owner, has applied for a permit to build a garage (24' x 24') and put in a beach (20' x 20'); trees have already been cut down on his property.
- There is an Inland/Wetlands meeting on April 23rd at 7:15 in Town Hall to discuss this request; BPAC members who are available are encouraged to attend.
- Cynthia Stevens reviewed the history of erosion in that area due to tree-clearing and development on other properties
- Cynthia Stevens also raised the condition of another house – this one on Ball Pond Road - as an environmental concern. Construction is still going on and the silt fence is still in place. Discussion ensued.

Other Business:

- Soil Testing Day will be held on Saturday, April 20th at Stop & Shop in New Fairfield. Volunteers are needed in the lab and at Stop & Shop. Details may be found at <http://www.candlewoodlakeauthority.org/>
- Mark Spellmann suggested that there be some sort of a newcomer's guide when you purchase property on the lake regarding cutting trees, environmental concerns, permit requirements, etc. so that people may be equipped to make good choices about their property management.
- Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of leaving trees in the water when they naturally fall in.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Mark Spellmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.; Terry Lent seconded the motion.
 - Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary