

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

January 9, 2014

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 9, 2014 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Helen Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:05. George Buck, Terry Lent, Gary Mummert, and Mark Spellmann were also in attendance. Cynthia Stevens was absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Gary Mummert made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2013 regular meeting. Mark Spellmann seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

Helen Gallagher reviewed the monthly report from Finance.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Ball Pond Outlet
 - George Buck reported that the outlet is jammed with leaves and ice. He will try to unhook the gate and clean it out this weekend before he leaves for Florida. Mark Spellmann offered to help.

New Business:

- Budget (FY14-15)
 - Discussion ensued about vendors being required to submit invoices within a certain amount of time after their services are rendered. It was suggested that a "fixed price bid" be negotiated with those vendors who have chronic difficulty with doing this. Committee members would like to discuss this issue at a future meeting when all members are present.
 - As the Committee considered ways to cut costs, George Buck suggested that Tim Simpkins, Town Director of Health, be invited to a future meeting to explain why the Ball Pond water samples have to be professionally analyzed rather than being done by a lay person.
 - The Committee generated thoughts for the requested FY2014-2015 budget as follows:

BALL POND ADVISORY COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHEET FOR FY2014-FY2015			
Line Item	Projected FY14-15	Actual FY13- FY14	Justification for Increase
salary	\$ 475.00	\$ 395.00	"Actual FY13-14" is only an estimate
loose weed removal	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,200.00	taking out floating coon tail and lily control (pink and yellow) = \$150/hr for 3 days (8 hours) = this is triple the old loose weed removal budget because coontail is now a problematic weed, in addition to milfoil; coontail is a much denser, bushy weed and requires tripling the removal effort; in response to public comment from November 2013 = concern over public safety (esp. children swimming)
dives	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,050.00	(two times/year going forward August and June @ \$700/dive): justifies our need for carp; want to ultimately move to a June-only study ... will take 5 years of August and June for data consistency
water sample analysis	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	
carp	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	going to ask for 100 carp in Spring of 2015 (\$550 carp + \$450 shipping)
weed data report	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
total	\$ 8,025.00	\$ 3,845.00	

- Cynthia Stevens will present the Committee's final recommendations at the budget workshop meeting on Thursday, January 23rd

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Terry Lent would like to invite Dr. Rolf Martin to the meeting to discuss weed growth predictions based on temperature and other factors. All present agreed that he should be invited to speak. Terry Lent will follow up with Dr. Martin and with Cynthia Stevens to arrange his visit.
- George Buck will be out of town until April 2014.
- Mark Spellmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary