Minutes, Lakeside Committee Meeting, March 9, 2017

Time of the meeting: 7:00 to 8:00pm

Notes taken by: Peter Landgren

Present at the meeting:

• Committee members
  1. President: Isabela Morales
  2. Vice President: Jessica Brown
  3. Treasurer: David Cho
  4. Social Chair: Vicky G.
  5. Garden Coordinator: Kyle Oskvig
  6. External Relations Delegate: Merle Eisenberg (Absent-Excused)
  7. Secretary: Peter Landgren
  8. Webmaster: Jon MacArt

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  1. Mark Clemmons

• Residents
  1. Charles Swanson
  2. Levi G.
  3. Eugene Evans

Discussion Points

1. Composting

Isabela: The office of sustainability will possibly fund us for 4 composting bins from the township. Christine spearheaded the effort and wrote up a
Mark: Do we know if it’s been funded yet?

Kyle: I heard from Christine that they are planning to fund it, but we can check with her. She was talking to Shana Weber.

Isabela: She emailed the committee that they were planning to fund it, we can check with her.

Levi: Where will the bins be?

Kyle: By the trash collections sites.

Update: After meeting with Shana Weber, Christine has reiterated that the Office of Sustainability is indeed willing to fund Lakeside’s first year of municipal composting service.

2. Newly Enforced Parking Policies

Isabela: Please note that public safety is ticketing the 15 minute spots regularly. Also, some people pull into the traffic circles instead of parallel parking in the spaces, and they’re ticketing for that too. Also, the “Proceed Slowly” signs are back up in the structure. We’ve had some speeding complaints, so don’t speed. Also, as a community initiative we’re asking everyone to leave the spots closest to the elevator for families with children. Transportation can’t put up official signs, so we’re presenting this as a community initiative.

Isabela: We’d also like to request that the basement-level spots in the parking garage be left for families with children. These are the spaces you get to by driving straight and then down the ramp after you enter the garage (as opposed to immediately turning right to go up the ramp). Also, we’ve had some complaints about idling on the property, which may resolve itself with the warmer weather.

Jon: Is this idling issue in the parking garage or in general?

Isabela: It was just regarding the property in general, I’m not sure about
Jessica: The Tiger Transit buses also speed in the area quite a bit.

Jon: I’ve seen a lot of fast drivers, buses included. They often go close to 25 in the complex.

Jessica: I’m guessing we can talk to transportation about this?

Jon: True, also we haven’t heard back from the bus reform committee. It would be nice to have quieter buses, perhaps hybrid buses.

Levi: Also, the buses park on the pedestrian crossing, and there’s zero visibility crossing the streets. I think there are several bus concerns we can raise.

Vicky: They also don’t let everyone cross the second crosswalk, and are in way too much of a rush. It would be nice if they could wait.

Isabela: Well we can raise these questions with transportation.

Jon: So NJ doesn’t allow idling over 3 minutes, so don’t idle!

3. Landscaping Updates

Isabela: We have an update from Mark on the landscaping by the lake. The update for the meadow near Lake Carnegie is as follows:

- A dirt access road was installed near 151 Taylor Court to enable future work
- Small invasive species were removed
- Tree work is scheduled to be completed in mid-March
- The meadow will be seeded in the late spring/summer
- The consultants assisting with the meadow project are currently working on the design and should be completed in mid-April. Once completed we will have a better timeline of the work moving forward.
  - Residents will have some input, but certain items are not open for discussion because of previous municipal approvals obtained through the township.
See following for a site map of Lakeside that illustrates the general layout of the meadow I’ve printed out copies of the site plan that was given to the township, so these are the general outlines that will need to be conformed to.

Jessica: What is the dark area in the upper right?
Mark: It’s easier to see the different sections on the color version.
Vicky: Will there be tables and chairs?
Mark: We’re waiting on the design plans, but my understanding is there will not be grills.
4. Chewed up Tennis Balls on Playground

Isabela: Some residents have found chewed up tennis balls on the playground. Presumably these are not from small children, but are from dogs. Dogs are not allowed on the playground. We know this is hard as the township has a leash law, but please keep dogs on their leashes and do not allow them in the playground. We’ve also had bite incidents so please use leashes.

5. Community Garden Webpage

Isabela: There’s a new community garden page on the website.

Kyle: Yes, Jon set it up very well. Signups will be facilitated through the website after room draw.

Vicky: Have we decided on fees?

Kyle: Not yet. I’ll be sending out some documents that address our issues from last year for Mark to review.

6. Wine and Cheese in March

Isabela: Save the date for the wine and cheese night on March 31st!

7. Central Roundabout

Charles: Is the circle in the middle a roundabout?

Mark: No, it shouldn’t be.

8. CSA

Kyle: Please note that the deadline for signup will be in mid-April.

Isabela: How many can we accommodate for the CSA?

Kyle: Was there a limit?

Mark: I think so, I think it was 25.

Isabela: We can dig through the old minutes unless you’ve heard about it changing.

UPDATE: We have spots for 30 people. (We are researching whether it is
possible to expand this.)

Mark: I think last year everyone who wanted one got one.

Isabela: Yes, the question was whether we would open it up to non-Lakeside residents or community members.