

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Minutes

Approved as written (1/10/2011)

December 13th, 2010 at 8:30 am

Location: 2nd floor Town Hall meeting room, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington

Present: D. Abrams, M. Crescentini, R. Dlugosz, N. Evans, D. Phillips, C. Rembold (ex officio), S. Fowle Schroeder, J. Sokul, C. Ward (chairperson)

Next Meeting: 1/10/11 at 8:30 A.M. at Town Hall. In case of inclement weather call C. Ward at 413-329-5809 to learn if meeting is rescheduled.

Minutes of 11/8/10: Approved as amended: Suzanne's name is legally Suzanne Fowle Schroeder, not Suzanne Fowle.

Rules/Regs for Lk. Mansfield Recreation Area: Reviewed draft drawn up by R.Dlugosz, who had modeled it after the rules and regulations covering the McCallister property. Once finalized document will probably need to go to Town Meeting and be formally codified. These lands, where public, should be regulated by the Conservation Commission. Fines for offences discussed: \$100-300/day depending on nature of offense.

Required Action:

1. We all review draft and submit comments to Ron Dlugosz; hopefully he can get a final draft to Con Com for their 12/22 meeting.
2. M. Crescentini to call Peter Milanese at Pittsfield office of MA. Fish and Game to determine procedures for posting, since Lake Mansfield Forest needs to be posted against hunting by Con Com.
3. Need sign kiosks at forest and beach entrance. These should include trail maps and list of funding sources.

Grant Updates: Nothing new re grants. Trail work has been completed for season.

Vernal Pool: Mark Stinson, DEP circuit rider sent email regarding vernal pool that suggested "some kind of skirt around base of (Eastview swimming) pool chain link fence to keep frogs out of the pool area."

Required Action:

1. M. Crescentini to get more information about silt fence alternatives.
2. Ask Con Com to send letter to pool board of directors to inform them about the existence and significance, biologically and statutorily, of the vernal pool.
3. We should meet with pool members, most of whom could be expected to approve of measures to protect wildlife and reduce number of amphibians being trapped and dying in the pool. S. Schroeder could give an informational slide show then.

Mowing Around Lake: Only prior written discussion is of a 10/09 site visit to Lake Mansfield Road by J. Sokul, members of Con Com and LMITF members, at which time there was an agreement for restricting mowing along road to twice a year. J. Sokul requested formal written guidelines, emphasizing that they must be compatible with vehicular and pedestrian safety, divided into three sections (for beach area, length of road, and area beyond beach to Dehon Road)

Required Action: Submit written recommendations to J. Sokul.

2011 Events at Lake Mansfield:

- o 1/29/11, Saturday, 1:00 PM: Snowshoe Clinic, Lake Mansfield
- o 3/10/11, Thursday: Cabin Fever Fundraiser
- o 5/1, Sunday: Lake Mansfield clean-up and celebration (rain date 5/6)
 - Trail Opening Celebration
 - Fishing Derby
- o Memorial Day Weekend: Official Summer Opening of Lake Mansfield Beach Area
- o Summer Offerings: Swim lessons at lake, cross-lake swims, forest work days
- o 9/10/11, Saturday: Gt. B. Walkabout

Nina Evans, Recording Secretary

