

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Minutes of March 17, 2022 meeting

This meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, via audio/video teleconference as noted on the agenda.

Present: Dale Abrams, Andy Didio, Bill Meier, Brandee Nelson, Cindy Schoenfeld, Christine Ward

Members absent: Leigh Davis

Also present: Chris Rembold, Assistant Town Manager / Director of Planning

Consultants present: Megan McDevitt and Danielle Desilets

Administrative Business

Ward moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2021; Schoenfeld seconded.

Roll call vote: Abrams-aye, Didio-aye, Meier – abstained, Nelson-aye, Schoenfeld-aye, and Ward-aye.

Passed 5-0-1.

Road, parking lot and playground area plans:

Megan McDevitt of Woodard and Currant and Danielle Desilets of KZLA were present to review the materials choices for walkways, stairs, benches, and landscaping, based on the materials presented in the packet for this meeting.

Consensus was reached for the following items:

- site stairs should be granite as opposed to timber;
- benches should be option 1, although backless benches such as option 3 could be considered along the lakeside;
- tables should be option 1 (misabeled as option 2) being the one on the far left of the sheet;
- bike racks should be a classic style like exists at the site now, not option 1 or 2 presented;
- beach ADA mat: reconsider whether a mat is needed; a path to the lake edge might be an option;
- fencing should be split rail fencing;
- landscaping should be in keeping with the inventory the GB Land Conservancy will produce this year, and should reflect a woodland character rather than an ornamental garden character. Plants with berries and thorns should be kept out of the play ground area. Options for willows and alders should be added as these will be the stabilizers of the bank / lake edge.

There was not a consensus on the parking lot paver material, for the permeable area, nor for the material of the pathways in the park area. An online poll will be sent for members to vote on their preferences for these two items.

Water chestnut removal: Abrams will lead volunteers on water chestnut removal later this year.

Weeds: Meier has sent along some thoughts on weeds in the middle of the lake, as they can inhibit cross lake swimming. His thought was something more aggressive such as mechanical mowing should be done to remove these weeds in that area. Members discussed pros and cons of this approach. More discussion will ensue as we learn from the weed assessment that will be conducted this summer, pending town meeting approval of the project.

Lake Mansfield Alliance: Ward said the next newsletter will come out in late April with stories about this planning work and about events scheduled for this season.

Citizens Speak: a member of the public requested the pedestrian path be maintained in the winter

Next Meeting: to be determined

Adjourn With no further business the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm

Minutes prepared by:

Christopher Rembold

