

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Minutes of July 18, 2023 meeting

This meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, at Town Hall, 334 Main Street.

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 & Community Development

Dale Abrams served as Chair.

Minutes of June 20, 2023: Nelson moved to approve, Didio seconded. On a roll call vote, all were in favor.

Water chestnut removal. Abrams said there is little left there. He said continued vigilance and control will always be needed.

LMA / GBLC events and happenings. Ward said it has been a busy summer already. A fern workshop and inventory are this month. There will be families hikes and a reptile day with Tom Tynning. She said two new benches are to be installed at the beach, assembled by volunteers. She said there is an event on August 27 so please save the date. It will be a fundraiser with bluegrass music. It is open to all and the donation is not mandatory.

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Abrams said he hoped for more details about where shoreline restoration will occur, and the types of plants at the water line, above the water line, etc. He said it is important to have the right plants and seed mixes in the right places, paying attention to grades and bank edges. Rembold said he will ask the designers to include this.

Nelson mentioned noticing a lot of litter and vandalism in the area. She suggested the Task Force consider security cameras and increased police patrols.

Outreach: Rembold said signs will be installed throughout the space. Ward said this is very important. We don't want anyone to be surprised by the work timeline or troubled or alarmed by the changes. She said the tree cutting is one of those things that might surprise people. Also, letter people know whether there will be lack of access to the recreation area, trails, beach, road (used for walking), is important. She said we need to let people know the dates, the goals, and the timeline.

Rembold asked folks to let their boards know. The task force discussed having a community meeting in the fall to get the schedule out there and show again what the goals are and what the results will be.

Citizen speak. It was noted there was recent cutting of vegetation in the buffer zone, in front of the house near the fishing area.

Next meeting: August 29

On a motion by Ward, seconded by Schoenfeld, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.

Minutes prepared by:

