

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES, May 17, 2017

Committee Members in Attendance: Kelly Austin, Ron Blackwelder, Matt Champagne (Vice Chair), Marvin Macedo, Harrold Robinson, Rick Yorman (Chair)

Bella Vista POA Board Liaisons in Attendance: Tom Judson (COO), John Nuttall (POA Board)

Management Liaisons in Attendance: Rick Echols, John Urquhart

Guests Present: Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista)

Call to Order: Chairman Yorman called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. Six committee members were present.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: There were no changes to the published agenda from April 19, 2017.

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes from the Lakes JAC meeting on April 19, 2017 were approved as submitted.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments:

- Tom Judson – The Lakepoint Restaurant and Event Center has begun operations on a limited basis, pending opening of the restaurant on June 3. One wedding reception has been hosted. Another wedding with reception, as well as some smaller events, are also scheduled in the next few weeks.

Management Comments:

Rick Echols/John Urquhart - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Department

- Initiation of lakes water sampling has been postponed due to water condition and high water levels.
- Fish population sampling by electroshocking has been completed and data is being compiled for analysis. Sampling included analysis of stomach contents of bass and saugeye. Data may be useful in developing lake management practices.
- Lake Rangers are conducting watercraft registration checks on all lakes. Follow-up contact and consequences for failure to register will be forthcoming.

- Herbicide application for vegetation control on the dams is ongoing. The operation appears to be more cost effective when done by POA personnel versus using contractors.
- All of the aquaculture ponds were flooded. Currents and debris accumulation in the ponds likely wiped out this year's crop, although no assessments have been conducted at this time.
- Flooding caused damage to the Stonykirk and London Landing boat ramps, and created gravel deposits at other locations on the lakes. Pontoon Park on Lake Windsor has significant gravel deposits that will be addressed shortly. Clean-up and repair work is ongoing. Relocating the London Landing ramp is being considered in an attempt to minimize similar issues in the future.
- Flooding and subsequent water conditions may have provided a temporary boost to nutrient levels and algae blooms in Loch Lomond. If the lake clears to a sufficient level, fertilization will resume as needed.
- Following-up on discussion at the April meeting, a Proposed Bella Vista Lakes Draw Down Plan was presented and discussed by the Committee. Lake draw down serves two purposes: 1) To allow for building/maintenance/repair of POA infrastructure, and 2) to provide an opportunity for lakeside residents to schedule building/maintenance/repair on their personal boathouse/dock facilities. After reviewing and discussing draw down plans and options, the Lakes JAC voted to endorse a proposal to draw down two lakes, Lake Avalon and Loch Lomond, in November 2017. Current plans are that these events will last two months from initiating drainage until drain outlets are closed. Refill rate is primarily dependent on how much rainfall occurs after drain outlets are closed. Targeted draw down depth is four (4) feet for both lakes. Residents will receive advance notice regarding drawdowns from the POA, and will be provided sufficient time to obtain permits from the City and/or Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), as well as secure contractors, for work on their facilities. Draw down schedules will be announced and publicized in advance by multiple means, well in advance of the draw down event. More detail will be forthcoming from the POA.

Open Forum:

- None

Old Business: The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 23 hours since their last meeting on April 19, 2017.

New Business:

- Extreme disrepair of many boathouse/docks on the lakes. The POA recognizes this is an issue and is in discussion with City of Bella Vista officials regarding a joint committee to address this issue. John Nuttall resurrected an existing POA policy that will be reviewed by the Lakes JAC and discussed at the next meeting.
- The POA Board established that JAC's will be comprised of nine members with 3-year terms beginning July 1. The Lakes JAC is operating with seven members. What are the POA Board's

plans regarding recruiting additional JAC members? Tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Announcements and next meeting:

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at the Bella Vista Village Country Club Board Room at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm.