

BELLA VISTA VILLAGE LAKES JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES March 21, 2018

Committee Members in Attendance: Paul Bickford, Marvin Macedo, Harrold Robinson, Lloyd Walker (Secretary), Rick Yorman (Presiding)

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

Management Liaisons in Attendance: John Urquhart

Guests Present: Lynn Atkins (Weekly Vista), Robert McGrath, and 3 other POA members.

Call to Order: Rick Yorman called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm. Five committee members were present.

Additions/deletions to the Agenda: Added Valley Hydrology and Park Inspections.

Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the February 21, 2018 Lakes' JAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Management Comments:

1) Rick Echols - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Superintendent -

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2) John Urquhart - Lakes, Parks and Fisheries Assistant Superintendent -

- The lakes are full
- Removing the siphon tube from Lake Avalon
- Will attempt to repair walkway from Lake Avalon fishing dock to the walkway abutment.
- Seasonal rangers are ramping up for lake patrol. Two positions that are vacant will be filled.
- Granton parking lot resurfaced.
- Lake Avalon heated fishing dock boards are being replaced where necessary.
- Lake Loch Lomond covered dock expansion is proceeding.
- Lake Avalon fishing dock is currently closed and being used for Saugeye hatch. We have ~200,000 eggs from 5 medium sized females, and several more females that are not yet ripe. We expect a 50% survival for eggs, and a 50% survival of those fry that hatch, so we

estimate about 50,000 fingerlings in the June timeframe for stocking.

- Crappie should be spawning soon in the golf course ponds, and we are still accepting brood fish so contact the fisheries department if you have a live 10" fish to donate.
- 1000 rainbow trout were stocked in Lake Brittany last week.
- Spring electrofishing sampling will start before the April Lakes committee meeting.
- We interviewed 3 candidates for our Fisheries Technician position, and Rachel has accepted our offer.

POA Board Member Liaison Comments:

1) Tom Judson, General Manager

- Reviewed the Valley Flood Study presentation, which is available on the POA website along with a video and task force minutes.
<https://bellavistapoa.com/valley-flood-study/>
- A lot of the feedback provided suggests leveraging recreational lakes for flood control. This has been determined to be ineffective since the lake capacity would only absorb 7% of the flow during a flood.
- The Lakes committee approved the following statement on this topic: *A one to two foot decrease in the water level on five Bella Vista lakes in the Little Sugar Creek watershed would have a major adverse impact on recreational use, fisheries, and owner access, and according to the Valley Flood Study would provide insignificant help with regard to valley flooding.*

2) John Nuttall, POA Board

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Old Business: The members of the Lakes Committee volunteered 11 hours since their last meeting on February 21, 2018.

New Business:

- Hydrology - Tom Judson reviewed the Valley Flood Study, see above.
- Lakes Water Sampling
 - Reminder about water sampling at all Lakes beginning the first week of April.
 - Training will be tomorrow at the Lake Avalon fishing dock.
 - All lakes now have a primary and a backup for water sampling.
- Park Inspections
 - Paul Bickford and Harrold Robinson have volunteered to organize

Open Forum:

- Compliment on John Nuttall's Saugeeye video.
- Kayak fisherman recognized for his good deeds on Lake Rayburn.
- Lake Windsor resident continues to be concerned about wake boats and surf boats, and will return when she has done more research on the topic.
 - We responded with the work we did last year to update our regulations and increase funding for lake patrol.

Announcements and next meeting:

- The next Lakes' JAC meeting will be held at the Bella Vista Village Country Club Board Room at 2 pm on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:05p.