MAY 11, 2011

A FORMAL meeting of the FLETCHER LAKE COMMISSION was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bradley Beach Municipal Complex, after which the roll was called.

In attendance were Charles A. Quixley, Chairman; Bill Mockridge, Vice-Chairman; Robert Scholz, Treasurer; Susan Roach; Cathy Rechlin; Marc Rosenthal; Suzanne Klarewicz, and Olga Blum, Secretary.

Also present were Robert Brooks, Connie Ogden and Marie Voidt.

THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE DISCUSSED:

(1) The minutes of the last meeting were presented and accepted as true and correct, and entered into the record.

(2) There was a discussion about a letter and pictures the Chairman received that was sent by the DEP because there were numerous complaints about debris, all kinds of junk, wood and trash that was strewn around the parking lot near the lake. They can't dump at the lake because it is supposed to be a wild life refuge.

(3) The Chairman presented the electric bills for payment in the total amount of $48.25. Mockridge made a motion to pay the bill. The motion was seconded by Rosenthal, and carried.

(4) There was a discussion about painting, installing and putting name plates on new benches.

(5) The Chairman publicly acknowledged and thanked Roach and Rechlin for their continuing oiling of the eggs on the nests around the lake. There were roughly 26 eggs involved. He reported unfortunately that one nest was destroyed and completely gone. There also was a nest near the heavy brush that contained some hatched eggs.

There was also a discussion about the white ducks on the lake, which are all being fed and doing fine.

(6) The Chairman contacted the Coaster today in order to get some publicity about what our lake commission has accomplished so far and expects to do in the future. It will start with the egg oiling, the nests, the flower and bush plantings, etc. and the mini Golf fund raising

(7) It was reported by the Chairman that a couple of months ago there was a motion to spend up to $500 for floweers and shrubs, and to date we have spent $225. We had all the pots planted, and over 20 shrubs and bushes also planted.

There ensued a lengthy discussion of all the rest of the flowers, bushes and trees that we have.

(8) The Chairman discussed maintenance. He had been at the gazebo scraping and painting. Most of it was done with the red paint. They couldn't get the white paint so they started digging up the sprinkler system. They moved it so that it covered all the flowers and trees in the area. When they get the white paint they will do the trim. At the same time they also installed new lights and put up the flags. The bills for all this are attached to the file and are all within the range we had discussed. The three flags cost $115.

The environmental people planted 2 trees which died. They are going to plant 2 more, plus 2 pines. They asked the Chairman if they could fly their national flag, and he told them yes for a while, unles the commission wants it removed. Rechlin thinks it's a waste to plant the trees because they are not going to grow there. The only thing that will grow is the scrub pine. The conditions are too harsh for other species.

(9) There was a discussion about painting the foot bridge Bishop told the chairman he can obtain 3 or 4 volunteers, beside our own. There was a motion made by Klarewicz that we paint the foot bridge. The motion was seconded by Rechlin, and carried.

(10) Someone reported that they saw 5 youths throwing our pavers into the lake. They were 18 to 23 years old. Fortunately, all 5 of them were caught by the police.

(11) Balzarano told the Chairman that the aerators will be put in the lake next week, providing the weather holds up. A lengthy discussion ensued. Also, he said he will try to get the plaque installed.

(12) Avakian is dragging his feet about the dredging. The DEP doesn't want Princeton Hydro to do the testing. They want to pick their own company to do it, because they want different things tested.

(13) There was a discussion about the work our helper has done so far and that $151 is due him.

(14) There was a lengthy discussion that if the paddle boats go into the lake, we would be in a different category. We will be a pleasure use lake, and it would supposedly help us with the possibility of a grant, etc.

(15) The Chairman explained to the residents at the meeting why the paddle boat gentlemen were here last month.

(16) There was a discussion about the downed tree at the west end of the lake that should be cut up and removed.

(17) Next week's golf fundraiser was discussed.

Roach made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Scholz, and carried. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Olga Blum, Secretary