

SYLVAN LAKE JOINT COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES
October 18, 2023

ATTENDANCE : Bev Riley, Kathy Martin, Anne Politi, Greg Matthews, Jeff Casner, Mayor Bonanno, ML Farmer

Not Present: Sharon Luba, Dennis Luba, Councilman Gubitosi

Member of Public: Peter Politi

1. The **Minutes** of September 20, 2023 were approved as written.
2. The Commission strongly recommends to the administrations of both Avon and Bradley that they each ensure that two employees are well trained in the management and operations of the **flume** on Sylvan Lake. It was noted that the flume was not properly functioning during the four day rain event in September. Not properly draining the Lake through the flume or leaving it open for too long, can cause flooding of nearby homes or killing of fish and birds that live on the Lake.



3. Since the two month test has been considered successful, both Avon and Bradley have agreed to continue the contract with **Galaxy Geese Removal** for twelve months and to split the cost. An e-mail from Bradley Beach's former Business Administrator to this Commission's Chair, stated that Bradley Beach used \$1,000 of the Commission's \$3000 **appropriation** for 2023 to pay for two months of the Galaxy contract. This leaves \$2000 of the 2023 appropriation from Bradley Beach.

4. The process of obtaining permits and going out for bids is a lengthy one but is proceeding as planned with regard to the construction of the **outfall pipe from the Lake to the ocean**. It is likely that the actual work will not start until fall 2024. The engineer is not concerned that the wooden one will collapse. *Mayor Bonanno will have the fence checked to make sure it is secure.*
5. On Wednesday, November 1, at 7 pm at the Avon Marina, Avon is hosting a presentation for Avon and Bradley Beach residents by Matrix, the engineering firm working on the Sylvan Lake project, about the **concept plan for the Lake**, followed by an open meeting for comments and questions. While the majority of the millions of dollars needed for the dredging/restoration of the Lake are anticipated to come from the Department of Defense, the County Open Space has matching funds that can be sought - \$500,000 a year. It would take several years to acquire sufficient monies to complete the Lake project.
6. **Living shore line in Avon.** It is now expected that this project will begin in the spring of 2024 instead of fall 2023 and start at Main Street and proceed as far as funds allow to 2nd Avenue. However, it is hoped that the phragmites that are densest between 2nd and 3rd will be dug out in the fall 2023.