

**Mohegan Lake Improvement District Meeting  
28 October 2020  
Meeting conducted via Zoom platform**

In attendance:

Ken Belfer, president—Mohegan Colony  
Laura Kosbar, vice president—Lake  
Mohegan Park  
Shelley Reid, secretary—MHPOA  
Patrick Byrne, treasurer—Mohegan Beach  
Park

Stacy Williams-Kerr—Mohegan Beach Park  
Casey Fahey—Section III  
Patrick Cumiskey—Lake Mohegan Park  
Sydney DeLairre—Mohegan Colony

**I. Minutes**

The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

**II. Aeration System Evaluation by EverBlue Lakes**

Ken reviewed the evaluation of the Lake Mohegan aeration system carried out by EverBlue Lakes. The report concluded that the existing system is successfully mixing some oxygen into the water column, but not enough to prevent nutrient release. Recommendations from the report include:

- Reuse existing compressors for shallow areas, install new system for deep areas
- Build new compressor shed in central location (near Mohegan Beach Park)
- Creation of retention area(s) in the runoff gully off of Christine Rd., using plantings to filter water before it enters the lake.
- Install filter “socks”—permeable tubes filled with material that absorbs phosphorus—in runoff-heavy areas such as along Dale St.
- Install a sediment catching “forebay” where the Dale stream enters the lake at Alpine

**III. Guest Speaker: Town Supervisor Matt Slater**

Ron Morris of Lake Mohegan Park had discussed with Patrick Cumiskey a proposal to donate to the town the Decatur Road building which had housed the Mohegan Park Jewish Center, along with a separate donor proposal to fund the rehabilitation of the building, if the town had a suitable use for the site and if the town agreed to dedicate space in the building to memorialize the center and tell the story of its community. Patrick relayed the concept to Supervisor Slater, who conceived the idea of a nature center. He presented this proposal to the MLID board to gauge interest in the proposal.

Overall reaction was extremely positive, and discussion covered potential use of the space, groups who would be likely users of the space (including MLID for meetings, lab work), town department jurisdictional overlap, parking, and insurance/liability. It was decided to contact Teatown Lake Reservation about a possible cooperative project and to look further into the details that would need to be worked out.

#### **IV. Homeowner BMP Education**

Stacy Williams-Kerr went over her compilation of homeowner best management practices for stormwater management. It was decided to create a mailing to send out to homeowners plus a space on the website with the information, once finalized.

#### **V. Halloween**

Both Mohegan Highlands (MHPOA ) and Lake Mohegan Park (LMP) were planning Halloween activities; representatives of MHPOA extended the invitation to LMP and any other interested associations to coordinate the celebrations in an effort to encourage community building. Representatives of the other associations present thanked MHPOA for the invitation and supported the concept in future years but agreed that the safest choice for the community this season was to not encourage further in-person interaction between the neighborhoods.

#### **VI. Miscellaneous**

- Ken is still pursuing pricing for biologic treatments, hopes to pursue a pilot program with the NYSDEC.
- The \$30K planning grant remains to be spent; Ken is preparing a selection of projects to submit to engineering firms to price out.
- Shelley Reid recommended the New York State Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA) Facebook page for updates on webinars and other educational materials and events.
- Laura reported that she is still pursuing a 9-element plan to identify whether it is something MLID can produce on its own or whether a consultant is needed.

#### **VI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting date was set for 9 December.