

**Mohegan Lake Improvement District Meeting –Provisional Minutes
24 February 2021
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
Felicity Arengo—Mohegan Beach Park
Inez Andrucyk-Zychal—Mohegan Beach
Park
Randall Duggan—MHPOA

I. Minutes

The minutes for the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with amendment.

II. Mohegan Lake Day

Potential Lake Day activities were discussed. The scavenger hunt, beach decoration, Music on the Lake, and boat decoration/parade were well received last year, and could be carried out safely even if COVID guidelines continue into the summer, and Art on the Lake could incorporate an in-person display with adaptation. Some activities such as the fishing derby would likely have to be shifted to a remote alternative; we will have to monitor the level of safety guidelines as the season progresses and plan accordingly. Meanwhile, beach associations are asked to plan the activities they will host.

It was suggested that Mohegan Lake Days have a theme, and that MLID conduct a contest to encourage theme suggestions from the community.

III. RFPs and Treatment

Ken reported that three vendors had submitted bids for combined services of submitting all necessary permit applications and applying water treatments for the 2021 season: Limnology Information and Freshwater Ecology Inc. (LIFE Inc.), Stahl Holdings LLC (dba The Pond and Lake Connection), and SOLitude Lake Management LLC. SOLitude's bid was accepted.

IV. Communications

Shelley reported that the website is a solid foundation and that planned future components will include expanded MLID archival documents and history. She also emphasizes the need for additional photos, including the lake and beaches, activities, and Rock Hill Park. She encouraged residents in inactive associations to submit membership eligibility details and photos in order to attract interest from potential active members. Shelley also asks that beach associations publicize the website to their members.

There was a discussion on whether or not to produce a newsletter, and whether or not to bundle a newsletter in a mailing with the stormwater Best Management Practices brochure. The issue remains open.

V. 2021 Staffing

Michael Chiappa will return as lake manager. Jeffrey Gioacchini will return as a lifeguard at Mohegan Colony and as lake staff. Another lake staff position remains to be filled.

V. Miscellaneous

Environmental Center

Laura Kosbar and Katherine Jewell will reach out to the donor to recommend that they write a letter of intent to give to the town board.

Hiking Trails

Stacy Williams-Kerr reported that she had drafted a letter to Jane Daniels, which would be sent soon.

Scouting Projects

There is no news to report on scouting projects.

Stone Work

Laura suggested the possibility of hosting a workshop on stone work and stone repair, if an instructor came forward. Residents thus trained would be encouraged to undertake volunteer projects in Rock Hill Park and possibly elsewhere around the lake. It was also suggested that an announcement be made during Courtesy of the Floor, asking for volunteers with experience in stone work to undertake certain projects. Work at Rock Hill Park would be predicated on the permission of the Parks Department.

Taco Bell

The proposed Taco Bell with a drive-through window was discussed, including issues of traffic and littering. The question was raised whether MLID ought to formulate an official stance, but it was decided not to do so at this time.

Geese

The goose population at Mohegan Lake appears to be increasing; geese are a significant contributor to excess nutrients in the lake, as they consume nutrients on shore and then “deposit” them in or nearer to the water. Several volunteers stepped forward to investigate reducing the goose population.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting date was set for 31 March.