

**Mohegan Lake Improvement District Meeting
24 June 2021
Mohegan Beach Park**

In attendance:

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

Stacy Williams-Kerr—Mohegan Beach Park
Felicity Arengo—Mohegan Beach Park
Bill Chestnut—Amazon Park
Randall Duggan—MHPOA
Abby Luby—Amazon Park

I. Minutes

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

II. Lake Manager's Report

Abby Luby read the Lake Manager's Report, submitted by Mike Chiappa. Two weeks after initially projected, the harvester was delivered to Sparkle Lake the week of 14 June. On 15 June, Mike and Jeff operated the harvester and used the Weed Razer on Sparkle Lake. Assistant Park Foreman Dominic Monopoli reported that the lake looked great. The harvester was then delivered to Lake Mohegan on 21 June. Lake staff used the Weed Razer to clear vegetation at Mohegan Highlands, Mohegan Beach Park, and Lake Mohegan Park.

Felicity Arengo said that she had encountered an aeration hose floating near the surface while swimming, which she marked with a jug for the safety of swimmers and boaters, and reported to the lake manager.

A third lake staff member was hired; the staff for the season consists of Jeff Giocchini, Lawrence Merriam, and Paul Duggan.

The highway department, which already has a DEC beaver removal permit, hired a licensed wildlife company to remove the beaver(s). Ken met the company and showed them where he had discovered a beaver dam blocking the Mohegan outflow stream behind Mohegan Dental on Route 6. The company returned and opened part of the dam, and set a beaver trap there. No beavers were found in the traps, but Laura reported that one deceased beaver had been found washed up on the shore of the lake.

III. Water Treatment

A lake treatment of copper sulfate was scheduled for 16 June. The permit application for EarthTec had been deemed "complete," and the permit was expected to be awarded at the end of the 30-day comment period.

IV. Tall Timber Trail Project

The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) scheduled a public information meeting for the project for July 15th; community members were encouraged to attend and show support. The ideal outcome would be for the PRC to vote on a resolution supporting the project at that meeting, which would allow the project to go forward.

V. Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP)

Randall reported that the first samples had been collected June 20th and sent out the next day. In light of proposed NY State budget cuts that included changes in the CSLAP program, Nancy Mueller, manager & CSLAP coordinator for the New York State Federations of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA), had sent to membership a request to write to the NY DEC to request that the CSLAP process remain unchanged. In addition to encouraging the Mohegan Lake community to speak out, Ken proposed that it would be wise to also encourage our local elected officials to speak out on behalf of the program.

VI. Mohegan Lake Day

The schedule for Lake Day was discussed, along with the participation of local elected officials and the guest judge for competitions.

VII. Shrub Oak Lake Estates (SOLE) Beach

Ken reported that he had visited SOLE Beach with Mike Chiappa to troubleshoot why the aerators were not working. Water leaking in through holes in the roof of the aeration shed had shorted out the relay box. MLID staff will tear off the roof and put on new sheathing and roofing. Once the electronics are dry, an electrician will be called to replace the relay and any other items that were water damaged.

It was observed that a great deal of work was under way cleaning up SOLE beach.

VIII. EverBlue Lakes

Ken had been approached by EverBlue Lakes; that company is investigating the possibility of performing a pilot project with the involvement of the NY DEC using a product similar to PhosLok (phosphorus inactivation). They are currently performing another such project on Lake Hopatcong in New Jersey.

Next Meeting

The next meeting date was set for 6:30, 28 July at Lake Mohegan Park.