

**Mohegan Lake Improvement District Meeting Provisional Minutes**  
**27 April 2022**  
**via Zoom platform**

In attendance:

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

Mike Chiappa, lake manager—Amazon  
Randall Duggan—MHPOA  
Evan Bray—MHPOA

**I. Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were amended and approved.

**II. Canada Geese**

Evan Bray reported that he would initiate goose egg oiling on the weekend, weather permitting.

**III. Tall Timbers**

Over the course of the previous month, Saturday work sessions on the trail, guided by Walt Daniels, shaped the majority of the trail. Ken and Stacy blazed the trail, posting color-coded markers for the sections (green: main trail, pink: more wooded section, orange: connecting section from the water tower). On 23 April, volunteers picked up trash in conjunction with the Battle of Yorktown trash initiative. The committee has been granted a town wetlands permit; a wetlands crossing still needs to be completed; an Eagle Scout candidate has been lined up for this project, as well as a candidate to complete a kiosk. The tentative date for the ribbon cutting has been set for June 4.

MHPOA has announced that a vote will be held to approve an additional entrance to the trail from MHPOA property.

**IV. Potential Land Donation**

Ken has informed the potential donors that MLID would be interested in accepting the multiple contiguous plots, but doesn't have a practical use for the single unattached plot. He has suggested to the potential donors that they seek a buyer. MLID's response having been made, it is up to the potential donors whether they choose to proceed and donate the plots.

**V. Summer Staffing**

All lake staff have agreed to return for the 2022 season; MLID has to submit the paperwork for their employment. Pay rate for the staff was approved at \$16.25/hour, with \$30/hour for the lake manager.

**VI. Water Quality and Treatment**

MLID currently has the DEC wetlands permit as well as permits for copper sulfate, Cutrine Ultra, and EarthTec. Ken observed the first blue-green algae bloom of the year the week of this meeting. Ken recommended that LIFE, Inc. plan on a treatment on 11 May.

The Highway department removed a boat from the land outside the lake outlet to reduce obstruction to water flow; beaver have been sighted swimming in the area. Flooding remains an issue; MLID will continue to work with the Highway department to best address the water level, to reduce flooding of Mohegan Avenue while avoiding adverse effects to other parts of the lake, including the island property.

#### **VII. Boat Launch Near Mohegan Beach Park**

A boat launch was constructed near Mohegan Beach Park without a wetlands permit or input from the adjacent homeowners; MLID and Mohegan Beach Park will work with the launch builders to decide how to proceed.

#### **VIII. SOLE Fountain**

SOLE beach has restored the lighted fountain off its beach to functionality; a homeowner has approached MLID to request a statement opposing the fountain's light as intrusive to neighboring homeowners. MLID voted to refrain from making such a statement.

#### **IX. Grants and Projects**

MLID is still waiting for a response on its request to waive the requirement for the participation of a women-/minority-owned business due to the significant difference in bid amounts. Ken is wrapping up the paperwork for the aeration grant and hopes to have the RFP out by June. MLID members will be educating themselves at the meeting of the NY State Federation of Lake Associations at the end of April.

#### **X. Mohegan Lake Day**

Ken suggested that one member of each beach association serve on a committee to finalize Lake Day plans.

#### **XI. Next Meeting**

The next meeting was set for 25 May at Amazon Beach.