

Grand Lakes Wildlife Committee Meeting Minutes 3/18/2017

Stephen Lucas and Cecil Jones met with Mac McCune of Lake Management on March 18. This was a working session limited to fact finding. There was not a quorum so no business was conducted or decisions made.

We visited several lakes and asked a lot of questions. Here are some things we discussed and some possible things to pursue in the future.

1. Landscaping company is supposed to pick up the trash, but Lake Management visits all the lakes every week and they will pick up any trash they see, especially if it is in the water, like a plastic bag or something
2. There may be a need for better coordination between the landscaping company and Lake Management regarding maintenance of the planters. Landscaping company does this (need to discuss with landscaping company about how diligently this is done), but they need to be advised on proper maintenance to benefit the aquatic plants (yellow iris, pickerel), and the removal/treatment of unwanted species
3. Discussed the possibility of installing spawning beds (boxes with sand/gravel) to promote natural reproduction and possibly reduce the need to stock forage fish
4. Discussed hours of operation for fountains - aeration vs. aesthetic
5. Discussed the possibility of restoring some of the disintegrating planters (mainly those in the older sections). Need to research how many need repair, get estimates, propose a repair schedule (could be over a period of years depending on number and cost, etc.)
6. Discussed designating a limited number of lakes for fish stocking to reduce cost (needs a lot more research)
7. Discussed reinstatement of the annual Christmas tree recycling for residents. Trees would be placed in lakes to provide structure for fish. Will coordinate with Green Committee and Board.
8. Lake Management does not maintain the small entrance fountains. Need to find out who does. Possible opportunity to reduce water usage

Here is a list of what GL has spent on lake stocking over the last several years. It is obvious there has been a steady decrease, essentially dropping to nothing, even though the Grand Lakes marketing program states that we have "27 fully stocked lakes".

2007 -- \$15,302.50
2008 -- \$14,862.00
2009 -- \$8,952.15
2011 -- \$8,122.50
2013 -- \$7,540.50
2013 -- \$5,372.50
2014 -- \$7,714.00
2014 -- \$1,006.25