Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee
Monday, January 13, 2020
Regular Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Building

Call to Order – A regular meeting of the Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee was called to order on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room D by Chair Debby Zeppa. Other members present were Charlie Brown Jr., Laurie Felix, and Scott Gallo. Absent were Michael Hicks and Bill Piotroski.

Secretary’s Report – S. Gallo moved to accept the minutes of the November 11, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by L. Felix and the minutes were approved.

Audience of Citizens –
The committee was joined by Jason Blakesley of 27 Berry Ave. Mr. Blakesley is a member of the Gerald Park Lake Association. He is concerned about the plastic bags used with political mailers hung on mailboxes, and the potential for the plastic to blow off in the wind and end up in the lake, and would like to see a change made regarding the use of plastic bags on mailers. The committee agreed the potential for the bags to blow into the lake is a concern, however, to the committee’s knowledge plastic accumulation in the lake has not been an issue. The committee agreed the number of plastic bags used in association with the mail; newspapers, phone books, etc, is a concern, and would also like to see a reduction in the use of plastic in the mail.

Old Business –
Lake dam gate/ Water level – The water level is currently almost 10 inches above Winter Level due to unusually high precipitation. The gate has been wide open since the end of September and will remain open until the lake reaches Winter Level.

Hydrilla – The committee discussed the successfulness of the 2019 treatment and is waiting for the official report to be completed to learn what the recommended plan is for the 2020 treatment.

New Business –
Activities for 2020 – The committee discussed ideas for increasing educational outreach and awareness of issues concerning the lake with the public.

Correspondence/Communications –
Note regarding ice fishing – The committee reviewed an email concerning a new initiative at Columbia Lake to provide a bait disposal bucket for ice fishermen to prevent dumping of unused bait into the lake.

Members Forum –
C. Brown shared with the committee a draft of revisions to the section of the Plan of Conservation and Development that pertains to the lake. C. Brown asked the committee to review the revisions for comment and suggested adding a reference to the Lake Management Plan developed in 2016.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Brown, Jr.,
Secretary, Coventry Lake Advisory & Monitoring Committee

These minutes are not official until approved by the Committee at its next meeting.