

Official Lake Mitchell Advisory Committee

January 11, 2011

Recreation Center Conference Room

Present: Greg McCurry, Troy Helleloid, Dave Allen, Joe Kippes, Mark Puetz, Bob Sebert, John McLeod, Councilman Doug Backlund, Dusty, Rodiek, Andy Petersen GFP Conservation Officer, Todd St. Sauver Regional Fisheries Manager, Mike Blaaid CRP and Buffer Zone Program

Meeting started at 4:02 p.m.

Motion Mark Puetz, Second Dave Allen to approve the December 14, 2010 minutes as read.  
Motion approved and carried.

Open Issues:

*Adopt an Access Area* – Discussion was held on budget line item for registration fee deposits and sign payments. Dusty Rodiek informed the committee the registration fee will go into a donation fund which will be tracked separately and sign payments will be run through a budget line item. Greg noted he is making a presentation to the Exchange Club and Rotary Club on the Adopt an Access Program.

New Business:

*Lake Mitchell Game, Fish and Parks Discussion* – Andy Petersen and Todd St. Sauver addressed the following questions;

I. Who's responsible for buoy placement & maintenance on lake? Both Andy & Todd post signage in high traffic areas. No wake zones are based on certain criteria and have to go through a commission for approval. Neither Andy nor Todd is aware of any official agreement with the City for the placement or removal of buoys on the lake. Andy noted if the Lake Advisory Committee or public feel buoys are not placed properly they can contact Andy with a request to move buoy(s), after evaluating the request Andy would make a recommendation to the commission which would hold a hearing to make a determination.

II & III. Can the Lake Advisory Committee be informed of any future habitat placements in the lake? Todd noted that him and Andy do know where most all of the structures placed in the lake for fish habitat are located and they do currently use GPS for tracking placement, which can be provided to the city. In order to place a structure in the lake you need a 404 Permit from the Army Corp of Engineers and anyone can apply for this, however, on public waters the GFP like all requests for a 404 Permit funneled through them. Dusty inquired if the Lake Advisory Committee could help GFP with management objectives and Todd stated it would be very acceptable.

IV. Can Andy's phone number be publicized on signage? Todd informed the Committee that on all signage posted around the lake or at boat ramps does include the phone number for Game, Fish and Parks.

V. What does GFP handle/laws in terms of the lake? Andy and Todd informed the Committee that if a citizen does see any concerning activity that they should either contact the police department, which will contact Andy or call the phone number for GFP listed on all signage.

*Pheasants Forever*: Mike Blaaid informed the Committee that there is still funding available for landowners to become involved with the Buffer Zone Program through CRP. Discussion was held on different ways to advertise and reach out to landowners about the program.

John McLeod inquired if GFP can provide any assistance with shoreline stabilization. Todd St. Sauver stated that there could potentially be help available however, if a request would be made of GFP they would go out and do a complete evaluation and that assistance is generally based on a priority basis.

Bob Sebert informed the Committee that he has been in contact with Mr. Wenzel regarding getting an estimate to have a relief valve installed for the spillway to help with lowering the lake water level in fall to help lessen lake flooding in the spring.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m., noting the next meeting of the Lake Mitchell Advisory Committee to be February 8, 2011 at the Mitchell Recreation Center Conference Room.

Submitted by: Angel DeWaard