

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC  
AQUATIC COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Present: Stan Plizga (Chair), John House, Hank Killion, Nick Gizzi and Bob Winter.

Absent: Jerry Eldred, Wayne Mengel

Administration Present: Derrick Hedges

Members Present via Zoom: None

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Stan Plizga and roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of Sept. 23, 2020 were approved by consensus but have not been posted at this time.

New Business:

Littoral and Terrestrial Plantings on L04: 2 Bids from EartBalance and Crosscreek Environmental Inc. were briefly reviewed. A third bid is expected and the Committee will review them in depth once it arrives.

Solar Water Fountains, Bubblers: RWA Manager Derrick Hedges explored the feasibility of adding solar water fountains and or bubblers to Lake Farrell to improve the oxygen levels. His report indicated that the solar fountains would look good but would not be powerful enough to affect the oxygen levels, however, the solar bubblers could make a difference. Two bubblers are recommended for Lake Farrell with an approximate cost of \$25-30,000.

Floating Islands: Along with the bubblers, floating islands containing aquatic plants have been proposed. These have been used at the nearby Wildflower Preserve. Bob Winter will check on who the contractor was that installed the islands at Wildflower.

Water Quality Analysis: Currently water samples from the canals are analyzed by Lakewatch. It generally takes approximately a year before we get the results. John House recommends that for the Broadmoor lakes we send samples to Benchmark Environmental Inc. for quick turnaround. Of the thirteen lakes in the park, samples from five lakes (04, 06, 07, 08, 09) will be analyzed by Benchmark at a cost of \$1545.00. **Motions** by Hank Killion seconded by John House, to have Benchmark analyze the water quality samples costing \$1545.00. Motion passes unanimously

Hank Killion and John House will test Lake Farrell's Oxygen levels.

Old Business:

Maintenance Manual Update: Water data collection will be added to the Maintenance Manual.

Nature Walks: The Nature Walk on OCT 16<sup>th</sup> was again successful. There was an increase in bird counts. There were approximately a dozen participants including Bill Dunson who has written an article on exotic plants that may be beneficial to the Broadmoor Park.

Committee/Volunteer Input:

Boat: Discussion about acquiring a small boat that can be utilized for various tasks in the lakes or canals. Derrick will investigate.

Due to the Holiday season there will not be any regular meetings scheduled for Nov. and Dec. The next meeting will be Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Thereafter meetings will be on the last Wednesday of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Gizzi