

HIDDEN LAKE

Aquatic Wildlife Management Committee _____

Meeting Minutes 5.14.2024

Location: Lone Pine Trail

Committee Members Present:

Betty Barsevich
Karin Bullock
Keha Esposito
Mary-Beth Russo
Kerri Wilson

Associate Members:

Linda Lamitola (absent)
Mary Shea

Board Member oversight:

Jay Cassella (HLA Pres.)

AGENDA:

1. Wildlife Sightings

Pheasant, Blue Heron, Osprey, Kingfisher, Raccoon, Raven, Opossum, various song birds including Blue Birds

2. Newsletter

Revival of the newsletter

⇒ Spring Newsletter—Blue Bird education (Mary Shea will work on the newsletter). She shared information about Blue Bird houses and nesting.

⇒ Possible topics for Summer Newsletter: frogs, light pollution, buffer zones

3. Status of Pollinator Gardens on Shore and West Shore Beaches

⇒ Need for mulching both gardens (Monday, 5/20)

⇒ ID of all plants

⇒ Update map of the plants

⇒ At least 7 milkweeds in each garden, therefore the sites can be registered as Monarch Waystations (\$15)

4. Annual Meeting Preparation

⇒ Table at the annual meeting

⇒ Various handouts—old newsletters, Dark Sky information, Invasive species workshop handouts

⇒ Packages of seeds (packing seeds Saturday—Mary & MB)

5. Miscellaneous

⇒ Register the lake with the Frog Watch (Kerri)

⇒ Frog Watch records types of frogs, breeding patterns, and increases and decreases in frog population

⇒ East shore Beach gets late afternoon sun—think about plants that would work there

⇒ Ideas for Summer Workshops

- Blue Bird boxes

Check on wood and date for end of July

- Bat house building-think about for end of August

⇒ Concern about town cutting milkweed on the causeway when mowing is done. Decision was made to leave the milkweed and mark it. As well as trying to keep low growth on the causeway

⇒ Members discussed coming up with an annual budget and how much will be needed for the coming year.

Next meeting date: Thursday, June 13, 2024