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**Pond / Park Action Committee**

**Minutes of 7 July Meeting**

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(Note: This meeting agenda outline was set up to mimic a Dave Letterman "Top 10" list; it's far from a "cast in stone" list.)

**Location:** McKownville Reservoir 7PM-8:30PM

**Attending:** J. Esler, W. Haldeman, M. Harauz, D. Knight (and son), A. Torda.

We inspected the inside of the filter bldg, walked around the reservoir .... and then discussed the following agenda items and ideas .....

- 10. Impact of future Executive Park Development:
  - Comments:
  - 1 McKIA should be an official party of concern for any proposed Exec Park / Stuyv Plaza changes.
  - 2 Is there a proposal to sell a part of the old McK W Dist property to SP?
- 9. Impact of increased stormwater flow on downstream drainage structures:
  - 2 Noted that the 36" culvert in back of the BK is still a bottleneck.
  - 3 Noted that the culverts under Ayre Drive and McKown Rd look to be real bottlenecks.
- 8. Future use of filter/pump station building:
  - 4 Chamber of Commerce no longer uses bldg.
  - 5 Town is exploring ideas for possible future use of bldg.
- 7. How to improve the reservoir water quality:
  - 6 Review water quality questions with an expert.
  - 7 Recommended that we sample inlet and outlet to determine what the present water quality is.
  - 8 Noted a sewage smell at the culvert flowing into the pond.
- 6. How to improve the reservoir's appearance:
  - 9 Noted that the Town has done a wonderful job cleaning up the brush around the SP end of the reservoir. (We held off recommending more clearing.) The pond is finally visible to passersby!
  - 10 Noted with approval that the Town is now keeping the reservoir filled, rather than partly dewatered.
  - 11 Cutting the weeds on the path behind the old Roberts Realty bldg would allow strollers to walk on the path.
  - 12 It looks like there could be a nice path al the way around the pond.... but care should be taken not to disturb wildlife.
  - 13 The grounds of the property would make an nice park!

5. How to control storm water flow w/o losing use of the reservoir:
  - 14 Consider a berm (a mound of dirt fill) along the spillway end of the reservoir. This could markedly increase the flood storage capacity w/o pre-draining the pond.
  - 15 Consider changing the opening of the grating at the spillway to reduce clogging due to floating sticks, etc.
  
4. Effectiveness of upstream drainage basins (re silt and flow release rate):
  - 16 Investigate the design and maintenance of the Crossgates Detention Basin #1 to see if it's functioning properly (re silt and rate of release).
  
3. How much KcKIA Water District property is still owned by the Town?  
....Status of leases?
  - 17 We should see the original deed/boundaries of the original Water Dist. Property.
  - 18 Check location of SP Western Ave. entrance re WD property.
  - 19 Check location of SP dumpster storage re northerly boundary.
  - 20 Check status of property used by Exec Park for parking.
  
2. Increasing community awareness:
  - 21 Consider a presentation of pond/park vision to Kiwanis.
  - 22 Have a "name the park" contest.
  - 23 Construct portions of a boardwalk around part of the pond.
  - 24 A questionnaire/mailer re the pond/park is in the final stages of development; should be ready for review this week.
  
1. Maintenance of the reservoir as a scenic pond / park: