

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ  
LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes  
Minutes for November 4, 2025 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

**1. Call to Order**

A monthly meeting of the Lakes Management Advisory Committee was held on November 4, 2025 on Zoom teleconference. It began at 7:30 PM and was presided over by chairperson Derek Jackson.

**2. Attendees**

Voting Members in attendance: Alpesh Amin, Debra Dewing, Lucien Foster, Derek Jackson, Wayne Roth

Non-voting Members in attendance: Bob Schindler (Tigris Lake Management), Gwyneth Buckley (Student Representative), Scott Minitier (Student Representative)

Members not in attendance: Andy Hilton, Jason Miner, Nikki Riley, Mike Russo, Chris Cannon (Borough Council Liaison), Mitchell Stern (Borough Manager), Jackie Bay (Environment Commission Liaison), Kelsey Dages (Student Representative), Maxwell Hollick (Student Representative)

Guests in attendance: None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting on October 7, 2025 was made by Wayne Roth and seconded by Debra Dewing. The motion unanimously passed.

**4. Borough Management Report**

Report was presented by Derek Jackson on behalf of Mitchell Stern.

The investigation of Birchwood Dam continues. This week, there will be a number of borings drilled into the dam embankment. The borings will serve two purposes. The first is to determine the soil makeup of the embankment. The second is to help determine the depth of a leak. Mitchell expects this work to take several weeks and will provide an update if/when he receives additional information. This part of the investigation could lead to subsequent follow-up steps.

The seasonal Fall Hydro-raking scope of work has been completed. All of the planned bodies of water (Sunset, Olive, Shadow, Cove and Grunden's) were done. Everything went well, with no issues reported. Overtime we will need to monitor Sunset Lake to determine whether additional Hydro-raking is required to remove the plants that grew during the drainage for the dam replacement.

## **5. Tigris Lake Management Report**

Report was presented by Bob Schindler.

Tigris has wrapped up the in-season activities and is now preparing year end presentation which will be shared during the December meeting.

## **6. Old Business**

Review action items from prior meetings (kept separately from meeting minutes)

There was a discussion about whether it is now appropriate to proceed with the Sunset Lake stocking as originally discussed, and whether it will be included in the 2026 budget as originally discussed and what the scope will be. The estimates from a few years ago will be retrieved and updated.

Wayne, Andy and Debra have been hard at working creating and revising the new Preserving Our Lakes pamphlet. Some of the content from this document originated in the 2002 Know Your Lakes document that was created by the League of Women Voters. To date there has been positive feedback on the document. It is currently being reviewed by the Borough Manager, who may submit it for legal review. A quote will be obtained and shared for budget purposes to have some printed copies created for distribution.

In terms of the future distribution of the document, it was noted with the seasonality of lake use and environmental factors that influence the lakes, the document may not receive the desired attention of distributed now. It was noted that while the document can be published now, the accompanying social media and email campaigns that will reference and link to it will not be made until later in the year at seasonally appropriate times.

Scott Minter expressed an interest in getting involved to create a high school club and/or campaigns to promote information and raise awareness to high school students. Previously Kelsey had expressed a similar desire. Wayne Roth indicated he would be in context with them to discuss it further. Wayne noted that he very much wanted to hear their ideas before he shares his own so as to not bias their opinions.

## **7. Announcements**

Next meeting December 2, 2025

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.