

BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES, NJ  
LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Monthly Meeting Minutes – Quick Notes  
Minutes for June 2, 2026 at 7:30 PM - Zoom

**1. Call to Order**

A monthly meeting of the Lakes Management Advisory Committee was held on June 2, 2026 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, Andy Hilton, Derek Jackson, Wayne Roth, Mike Russo

Non-voting Members in attendance: Tom Menard (Borough Council Liaison), Mitchell Stern (Borough Manager), Bob Schindler (Lentic Ecological), Scott Minitier (Student Representative)

Members not in attendance: Jason Miner, Nikki Riley, Jackie Bay (Environment Commission Liaison), Gwyneth Buckley (Student Representative), 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 April 2026 was made by Wayne Roth and seconded by Debra Dewing.

**4. Borough Management Report**

Report was presented by Mitchell Stern.

We received a quote for an aerator system to be installed in Shadow Lake to fix the existing bubbler systems. The borough is looking to install electric in a small piece of borough land on the lake. This will alleviate the need to hook into resident's electric supply and reimburse the residents.

**5. Lentic Ecological Report**

Report was presented by Bob Schindler.

Bob shared that he is currently working independently as a licensed one-man operation. Through his prior relationships, he has access to all of the vendors, necessary treatments etc. For the normal operations, including permits, all of Bob's licenses, including certified applicator, transferred to him and applied to his company. As such, there should be no gap in service.

Mountain Lake experienced a green filamentous algae bloom a few weeks ago. Lentic Ecological serviced the lake to treat the algae. This bloom in Mountain Lakes was in contrast to the conditions observed in other lakes which suggested local conditions and/or contaminants

may have played a factor. There was discussion of whether the lake front residents need a special communication reminder to emphasize that they should not use fertilizer and maintain a living buffer between the lake and the landscaped lawn. The committee has draft communications that will be shared.

The invasive Eurasian Milfoil was observed to have continued to spread in Mountain Lake. Localized treatments will continue in season. However, Lentic suggests that next year we need to be proactive with treating it early in the season.

## **6. Old Business**

Per the borough blast on 4/17, "We are pleased to share that Sunset Lake has now been restocked with fish. During the dam construction project, the lake had to be drained, and all fish were carefully relocated. With the project completed, the lake has now been replenished with bass and several species of sunfish as part of the ongoing restoration of its aquatic ecosystem." Per the hatchery recommendation, the restocking was done as a single event. In the absence of new information that confirms to the contrary, the belief is that no additional fish stock event will be required in Sunset Lake in the near future.

Marketing and Social Media – Wayne mentioned that we can use AI videos to create fun, entertaining short videos. Scott suggested that AI may undermine our creditability because it may not seem authentic. Wayne and Scott will discuss this further and try to progress the effort with Kelsey. Mitchell asked that all the postings flow through the Borough social media accounts instead of a Lakes Management dedicated presence.

As part of the communication strategy, it was noted that we should add the new "Preserving our Lakes" document to new resident packet. Derek will contact Laurie about the same and ensure the document is posted to the Lakes Management website.

Lakes Management will likely present to the Borough Council in September about the state of our lakes and any potential gaps between the Princeton Hydro Grant Scope and strategic imperatives for planning in the community.

## **7. New Business**

On social media there have been resident inquiries about whether the borough is currently testing for Naegleria. Lentic noted that they are not aware of anyone that is monitoring or testing it in this region of the country. Generally, there is a belief that the geographic prevalence and inability to comprehensively test a body of water makes it not realistic to test. It was noted that the community tests per the guidelines of the NJ DEP.

## **8. Announcements**

Next meeting July 7, 2026

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM