

KEEP LAKE BEAUTIFUL MEETING

July 18, 2017

The Keep Lake Beautiful Committee met on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioner's Meeting Room, Lake County Administration Building, Tavares, Florida. Chairman, Darla Scoles was present. The Civic Organization member in attendance was Melissa Simmes. The Citizen Representatives in attendance were Lavon Silvernell, Jim Miller, and William Binneveld. The Commissioner in attendance was Leslie Campione. The School Board member in attendance with Dr. Kristi Burns. The Staff Representatives in attendance were Mary Hamiton, Environmental Services Manager; Nicholas Mcray, Stormwater Project Manager; Will Dawson, Keep Lake Beautiful Coordinator; Jamie Davis, Public Hearing Coordinator.

PLEDGE

Chairman Darla Scoles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Will Dawson introduced William Binneveld to the committee. William Binneveld stated that he is a resident of Leesburg FL and a retired banker and he looks forward to working with the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Darla Scoles asked the committee to approve the minutes from the previous meetings that took place on May 16, 2017 and the June 29, 2017. Minutes were approved unanimously.

SUNSHINE LAW AND ETHICS PRESENTATION

Assistant County Attorney Diana Johnson was present at the meeting and provided a power point presentation to the committee which gave an overview of public records law and the requirements for holding public meetings.

FERTILIZER ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Dr. Laurie Trenholm with the University of Florida was present and provided information and background to the committee regarding her research in regards to the fertilizer study and her recommendations. Dr. Laurie Trenholm stated that the overwhelming consensus when applying fertilizer to an actively growing healthy conditioned turf, that the turf is able to take up all of the nitrogen and phosphorous. Committee members Darla Scoles, Lavon Silvernell, Dr. Kristi Burns, Commissioner Campione, Melissa Simmes and William Binneveld each asked individual questions of Dr. Laurie Trenholm who then offered her response. Dr. Laurie Trenholm

recommended that if the committee was going to do a ban on fertilizer that they should recommend to do a winter ban.

Anna Maria Rivera, Senior Environmental Specialist for Pinellas County was present and provided a power point presentation to the committee which detailed their fertilizer ordinance and provided information and background. A copy of materials that Pinellas County uses to educate their community was also provided. The name of the Pinellas County fertilizer ordinance is Fertilizer Use and Application and Landscape Maintenance Ordinance. Committee members Jim Miller, Darla Scoles and Commissioner Campione each asked individual questions of Anna Maria Rivera who then offered her response.

COMPLETED PROJECTS UPDATE

Will Dawson updated the committee on the Montverde Community clean up that took place on May 20, 2017 and stated that 10,720lbs of trash was collected with 7 volunteers.

Will Dawson updated the committee on the Umatilla Community clean up that took place on June 17, 2017 and stated that 28,800lbs of trash was collected with 7 volunteers.

Will Dawson updated the committee on the Bassville Park Community clean up that took place on July 15, 2017 and stated that there were 28 volunteers and that the trash is still being calculated but 1700lbs of hazardous waste was collected.

Will Dawson updated the committee on the Keep Florida Beautiful Conference that he attended June 7th through June 9th and stated it was a very successful and informative conference. Will Dawson stated that volunteer Rachel Clark won the Outstanding Youth Champion Award at the conference and that Keep America Beautiful will be highlighting Rachel Clark on their website.

PENDING PROJECTS AND DISCUSSION

Will Dawson stated that the Sorrento cleanup is pending for September 23, 2017 and will be at the same location as last year which was Sorrento Elementary School.

Will Dawson announced that the next Keep Lake Beautiful meeting for September 26, 2017 will be rescheduled and will be announced once it is confirmed.

Commissioner Campione asked Mary Hamilton what the date was to go back before the board regarding the fertilizer ordinance. Mary Hamilton stated the date is tentatively set for November 7th.

Dr. Kristi Burns asked if there was information on the levels of the lakes. Mary Hamilton stated that the information is on the Stormwater website and that she will send information out to the committee when the draft ordinance is sent out.

Commissioner Campione asked if the Lake County Water Authority weighed in on the fertilizer ordinance. Ron Hart with Lake County Water Authority was present and stated that he did not believe that the water authority has had any input but that he was present as a citizen for this meeting. Ron Hart expressed his concerns with the effects of nitrogen and phosphorous on the waterways and his support of imposing a strict setback and buffer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 am.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darla Scoles". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

DARLA SCOLES, CHAIRMAN