

Lake Wylie Marine Commission



**July 24, 2006
7:00 p.m.**

**River Hills Community Association
102 Hamilton Ferry Road
Lake Wylie, SC**

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Chairman Joe Stowe (Gaston County), Commissioner Bo Ibach (Mecklenburg County), Vice Chairman Ron Montgomery (York County), Commissioner Billy McLean (Gaston County), Commissioner Don Cloninger (York County), Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy (Mecklenburg County)

LWMC Staff Present: Mike McLaurin, Executive Director, Annette Lawing, Clerk, Chris Clark, Legal Counsel

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Dave Cully (Mecklenburg County)

Topic	Discussion Summary	Action
Welcome & Introductions	Chairman Joe Stowe called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.	
Approve Minutes – June 26, 2006	The minutes from the June 26, 2006 meeting were approved	A motion was made by Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy to approve the June 26, 2006 LWMC meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Ibach. The motion was approved.

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Consent Agenda	None	
Public Comments	<p>Public Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Benny Cannon of the Charlotte Yacht Club – On June 11th, 2006 the Charlotte Yacht Club suffered severe damage to their docks due to a strong storm. The damage was estimated at approximately \$250,000.00. This yacht club is a non-profit organization and do not have insurance or the funds to replace these docks. They are seeking any funds from the LWMC or if possible grant information. ➤ Chairman Joe Stowe stated that LWMC is also a non-profit organization and are funding by three counties for public safety. The Commission has no funding to supply private organizations. ➤ Commissioner Cloninger suggested that the LWMC contact the Commodore Yacht Club in Tega Cay to see who they sought help from when their docks were damaged by past storms. Michael McLaurin was asked to contact the Commodore Yacht Club and report back to the Charlotte Yacht Club with the gathered information. 	
County Reports	<p>Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Dept and SPLASH Report – Officer Everhart reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Boats Inspected (72), Citations Issued (6), Boaters Warned (69), Boaters Assisted (6) ➤ On June 3rd, CMPD participated in a joint operation with other agencies to focus on BWI and Lighting violations. ➤ Participated in media briefing regarding water safety for July 4th holiday <p>Gaston County Police Department – No Report</p> <p>York County Sheriff's Office – Sgt. Mabry reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Had no arrests on the water for the July 4th holiday weekend. Four (4) arrests on land. ➤ York County Sheriff's Office had a meeting the week of July 17th to discuss this year's July 4th celebration and plan for next year's July 4th holiday. York County experienced a lot of pass through traffic due to boaters watching the fireworks at Lake Wylie then traveling to Carowinds and Knight's Castle to see more fireworks. A suggestion was made to possibly have all fireworks scheduled at the same time so there won't be as much pass through traffic next year. 	

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<p>County Reports (Continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bass Masters Tournament – York County will have two (2) boats with four (4) officers on the water. <p><i>N.C. Wildlife Resources</i> – No Report</p> <p><i>Tega Cay Police Department</i> – No Report</p> <p><i>S.C. Dept of Natural Resources</i> – Sergeant Todd Campbell reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Citations (109), Warnings (66), Accidents (0) ➤ Will have two (2) boats on the water for the Bass Masters Tournament the weekend of July 29th. <p><i>Mecklenburg County Land Use Environmental Service</i> – David Buetow reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Distributed the Lake Wylie Water Quality Conditions report for May and June 2006. In May 2006, Crowder’s Creek had the highest Quality Index. This is probably due to the lack of rainfall in the spring therefore there was less sediment. In the June 2006 results, Dutchman’s Creek a significant drop in water clarity due to an increase in rainfall. ➤ Mr. Buetow also distributed the Lake Wylie Bacteriological Results for May and June 2006. May 2006 results were good. However, the June 2006 report indicated high fecal coliform results. These results were reported to the State and a follow up test was preformed. The results from that test was much lower. <p><i>Duke Energy of the Carolinas</i> – Ronnie Lawson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pier Applications Approved (21) ➤ Stabilization Applications Approved (4) ➤ The lake level is at 2.9 ft below full pond (normal) <p><i>Lake Wylie Covekeepers</i> – Steve Johnson reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ After heavy rains in the end of June, there were several complaints of erosion control breakdowns at Crowder’s Creek, particularly on Catawba Crest Road. On July 11th, Covekeeper Doris Bienz confirmed that there was a cave-in of a driveway over a culvert washing directly to a cove. The inspector from York County stormwater did not give the adjacent resident much hope for correction. The adjacent property owner believes that the property is privately owned and the owner is clearing an additional lot to build another house on it. Covekeepers would 	

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<p>County Reports (continued)</p>	<p>like to know if York County ever extended their Stormwater permitting to individual properties. Chairman Stowe extended the Marine Commission’s help in finding this information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Lake Wylie Covekeepers thanked the Lake Wylie Marine Commission for their steadfast opposition to the proposed Concord/Kannapolis IBT. The Covekeepers also would be glad to serve on any committee that LWMC might create to develop comments to the EMC. ➤ There have been eleven (11) sewage spills in Tega Cay and six (6) in York County. Would like to see “Notification to Neighbors” a standard procedure on the DEHEC form when there is a spill. Steve Johnson is to contact DEHEC to see if this can be implemented. ➤ C.D. Collins of the Riverkeepers reminded everyone of the upcoming Riversweep on October 7th. The Lake Wylie Marine Commission committed in helping with this event again this year. Mr. Collins also addressed a new project on Lake Wylie called “Adopt an Island”. This project has been very successful in the past by gathering 10,000 pounds of trash from Lake Norman. The Riverkeepers are hoping that this will be successful on Lake Wylie as well. <p><i>Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation</i> – Woody Woodward reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ McDowell Nature Preserve – Have had over 11,000 campers ➤ Bass Master Tournament will be launched on Wednesday, July 26 – Sunday, July 30th. ➤ Had a very successful outdoor recreation program out of Latta Plantation and McDowell Nature Preserve. There were over 3,000 participants in this program. ➤ Encouraged everyone to visit the Parks and Rec website for other upcoming events. www.parkandrec.com 	

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<p>Request for Comments</p>	<p><i>Handsmill at Lake Wylie</i> – Jim Felton presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This proposal was submitted to the Marine Commission for review at the June 26th LWMC meeting. ➤ Since the June 26th LWMC meeting, the developer has worked with residents and is proposing to move the boat slips at northern peninsula to another cove has redesigned the layout. This placement is closer to the main channel. A copy of this revised layout has been supplied to each of the commissioners for review. ➤ The revised plan has 64 community boat slips with 1 boat ramp <p><i>Gardendale Phase I and II (Tega Cay)</i> – Andy Widenhouse presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This proposal was submitted to the Marine Commission for review at the June 26th LWMC meeting. ➤ Since the June 26th LWMC meeting, Chairman Joe Stowe and Commissioner Don Cloninger visited this site and concurred that there were no immediate issues to be concerned about. Wetlands and run-off are concerns that would need to be monitored when construction began. Each commissioner had the opportunity to review these plans as well. <p><i>Serenity Pointe (Tega Cay)</i> – Andy Widenhouse presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This proposal was submitted to the Marine Commission for review at the June 26th LWMC meeting. ➤ Since the June 26th LWMC meeting, Chairman Joe Stowe and Commissioner Don Cloninger visited this site and concurred that there may be a potential problem with run-off into Nivens Creek, if not protected throughout the building process. ➤ Executive Director Mike McLaurin suggested that the wetlands be tested for the amount of silt present and monitor this throughout the process. Andy Widenhouse stated that they are currently working with Carolina Wetlands and will provide a wetlands report to the Commission. 	<p>A motion was made by Vice Chairman Montgomery to accept the revised Handsmill at Lake Wylie proposal as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Cloninger. The motion was approved.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Cloninger to accept Gardendale Phase I and Phase II proposal as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Ibach. The motion was approved.</p> <p>A motion was made by Commissioner Cloninger to accept Serenity Pointe proposal as presented with contingency that Widenhouse Development provide copies of the wetlands report to the commission. Seconded by Sec/Tres DuPuy. The motion was approved.</p>

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Request for Comments (continued)	<p><i>The Terraces at Stonecrest</i> – Rob Reddick presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Lake Wylie Marine Commission has previously approved Stonecrest Development Master Plan. The Terraces is a phase of Stonecrest and is being presented as such. <p><i>Riverwood on Lake Wylie</i> – Clay McCauley presented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposed 60 lots subdivision ➤ Three (3) boat slips with one (1) boat ramp ➤ Chairman Stowe and Vice-Chairman Ron Montgomery will review the proposed site and report back to the Commission at the August 28th LWMC business meeting. The proposed plan will be voted on at the August meeting. 	A motion was made by Commissioner Ibach to accept The Terraces at Stonecrest as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Cloninger. The motion was approved.
Request to Develop Plans Review Guidelines	<p>Vice-Chairman Ron Montgomery reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ That he will be working with the Executive Director to develop some guidelines on how the Marine Commission should review development plans it receives. The guideline would be a tool that would improve communications between the Marine Commission and developer. 	It was the consensus of the Marine Commission to allow the Vice Chairman and Executive Director to develop the guidelines, which will be submitted to the Marine Commission for approval.
Update on the Interbasin Transfer Application by Concord and Kannapolis	<p><i>Update on IBT</i> – Chairman Stowe reported that the public comment period has been extended until September 30th. He encouraged each commissioner to write a letter to every member of the EMC expressing their views and their stand against the proposed Concord/Kannapolis IBT.</p>	

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Update on the Law Enforcement Facility Contract	<i>Update on the Law Enforcement Facility Contract</i> – Chairman Stowe updated the commission stating that Duke Energy has approved the contract with the Marine Commission for the land and Duke Energy is waiting for the other parties to sign the remaining contracts. Very close to starting next phase.	
Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet	<i>Review of the Marine Commission Goals Worksheet</i> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Public Information, Information Sharing – Secretary/Treasurer Sandy DuPuy – distributed a draft Stakeholder Survey for the commission to comment on before August 28th LWMC meeting. LWMC wants the opinions of its stakeholders as it considers ways to be a more effective advocate for the issues facing Lake Wylie. This survey will help in that process. Secretary/Treasurer DuPuy also expressed interest in seeing more helpful links on the Lake Wylie Website. ➤ Public Information, LWMC Calendar – Commissioner McLean requested that more commissioners assist in this proposed project. Chairman Stowe will schedule a meeting to assign a committee for this project. 	
Finance	<i>Finance and Activity Report</i> – No report	
Other Business	<i>Chairman’s Report</i> – No Report <i>Executive Director’s Report</i> – Executive Director Mike McLaurin reported that he had received some reports that the buoys at Withers Cove were no longer in place. McLaurin said that under the N.C. Administrative Code, the Lake Wylie Marine Commission is responsible for various buoys in seven areas of the Lake. He will provide a report at next month’s meeting of any buoys that need to be replaced.	
Public Comments	<i>Public Comments</i> - None	
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm	The meeting was adjourned on motions by Commissioner Ibach and Vice-Chairman Montgomery.

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Next Business Meeting Date and Location	The next LWMC business meeting will be held on August 28, 2006 at 7:00 at Red Fez Club, 16,600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte, NC	

Annette Lawing, Marine Commission Clerk

Date