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Conservation Commission Site Visit Minutes

September 6, 2022, 1:00PM

Members Present: Sharon Cooke, Joan Hughes, Rose Ryley, Ron Zentner

Members Absent: Terry Appenzellar

Others Present: Garrett Albiston, Garri Saganenko, Mark Manganello

Discussions:

1:00pm – NOI for East Chop Drive/Crystal Lake M1 P21, 56, 58, 60, 61 SE053-0867 Mark Manganello on behalf of East Chop Association, Inc., Notice of Intent to implement a vegetation management plan including the creation of view corridors and maintenance activities within a Wetland Resource Area and a 100-Year F.E.M.A. floodzone.

Meeting participants met at the northernmost portion of Crystal Lake. Mark Manganello then guided participants southwest along the shore of the lake/East Chop Drive, indicating to the Commissioners where the stakes for the proposed view channels are located. At each view channel Commission members asked questions about both past and future cutting of vegetation. Mark indicated how cedar trees within the view channels would be cut to a height of 5 feet. At several view channels Garrett Albiston and Joan Hughes questioned whether, even with the pruning of vegetation, a view of Crystal Lake from East Chop Drive would be possible. Joan Hughes also questioned whether much of the vegetation needed to be preserved in order to act as storm damage prevention. Mark shared that he consulted a coastal geologist and arborist when developing a vegetation management plan in order to be sensitive to these concerns. He also assured Members that if any managed plants died they would be replaced immediately. Mark shared that this project would be completed once funding is available. Garrett suggested that permits that have already been granted for vegetation management at crystal lake should be completed prior to this project. The meeting concluded once members reached the southwest edge of the lake.