

**Continental Village Park District Joint Advisory Committee Meeting
Cortlandt-Philipstown-Putnam Valley**

The Continental Village Park District Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) held an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. on May 13, 2025.

Attending Joint Advisory Committee members were:

Cortlandt	Ryan Palace Charles Park Bernie Zipprich Dr. Larry Baskind
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Philipstown	Lou Liotti Jesse Lubbers
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Putnam Valley	Gorkey Estrella
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Also present:	Superintendent	Fred Romer
	Recording Secretary	Orly Lynn

Charles Park served as the acting Chairperson. The following items were discussed:

Correspondence:

The meeting commenced with a review of the April meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jesse Lubbers and seconded by Gorky Estrella. The motion was unanimous.

Nicole White of Little Bear Environmental Solutions provided a company overview and presented project updates related to lake treatment. She noted that treatments typically require 10 to 30 days to take full effect, with the first treatment recommended as soon as possible. All necessary permits are currently in place, and a minimum seven-day notice is required for coordination with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

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Treatment will be administered by boat and scheduled to align with the beach opening. Nicole also indicated that next season may present an opportunity to explore a different chemical option for improved results. She confirmed a \$500 permit fee for this potential adjustment. Additionally, Nicole shared that Cortlandt Manor has opted not to continue treatment of Spy Pond, a decision that may impact Cortlandt Lake; a local resident committed to following up with the Town Supervisor on this matter.

A motion was made by Jesse for Little Bear LLC to proceed with one “Maximum Scenario” algae treatment using Captain XTR, as outlined in their proposal dated March 28, 2025, at a cost of \$3,000. The motion also included approval for Little Bear to apply for a new DEC permit for \$500 to allow use of a different, potentially more effective chemical for weed control. This cost will be offset by cancelling the four-day weed harvesting event originally scheduled for August, yielding a projected savings of \$12,000. The four-day weed harvesting event previously approved for June will proceed as planned. The motion was seconded by Bernie and passed unanimously, 5–0. Treatment is tentatively scheduled for June 2025.

Building & Grounds Committee:

No new updates were reported by the committee.

Lake & Dam Committee update:

Ryan provided an update on Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) activity, noting that he and two local volunteers recently completed certification through CSLAP. With this credential, the committee is now equipped to perform independent water sampling of the lake moving forward.

Finance Committee:

No new updates were reported.

Communications:

No new updates were reported.

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Old Business /New Business:

No additional business was discussed.

Superintendent Report:

Fred reported that the lake raft was completed earlier that day. Although the project was originally budgeted at \$4,000, costs were reduced by reusing existing materials such as decking and screws. The roofing project, which included the gazebo, came in slightly under budget at \$28,600, compared to the original \$29,000 allocation. While the Shop will not require a new roof until 2026, roofing work will be necessary for the Barn.

Fred also shared that the playground grant application has advanced to the next level of review following the recent approval of the New York State budget. He confirmed that he had been in contact with Victoria, Chief of Staff to Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg, regarding its status. Landscaping work by Brothers Landscaping is currently underway.

In regard to beach operations, Fred noted that the designated swim area has been reduced to under 120 feet, which permits the use of a single lifeguard under state guidelines. The new staffing plan will place two lifeguards on duty Saturdays and Sundays, and one lifeguard Monday through Friday. This change reduces weekly lifeguard shifts from 14 in 2024 to 9 in 2025, reflecting a 36% reduction. The committee also discussed whether to close the beach on any specific day based on last year's attendance data. However, it was ultimately decided that the beach will remain open every day of the week, with no planned closures.

Public Commentary:

No public commentary.

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JAC By-Laws/ Appointments / Action Items / Next Meeting:

A motion to adjourn was made by Jesse Lubbers, seconded by Christopher Lubbers, and unanimously approved. The meeting concluded at 9:30 p.m.

The next JAC meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Orly Lynn

Reporting Secretary