

**Conservation Commission**

**City of Danbury**

**May 18th, 2009**

**7:00PM**

**City Hall - Room 2C**

**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting began at approximately 7:00pm

Members present: Bill Montgomery-Chairman, Ed Prybylski-Vice Chairman, Nelle Tresselt, Lin Murray, Kim Botleho, Pat Weiner  
Absent/excused- Shaun McColgan-Secretary

Item: **Approval of April 20th, 2009 minutes**-Ed made motion, Nelle seconded and approved by all.

Welcome new member Pat Weiner.

**Reports:**

**Bear Mountain Reservation:** Lin and Kim

Discussed encroachment of new property at BMR. Lin and Kim will try to find property markers.

Bill will get in touch with Ted Cutsumpas and follow up with survey info.

Map project at BMR not ready yet-Lin will get in touch with Alex at Wesconn.

**Old Quarry:** Ed

Ed picked up trash and began to trim trees on trails.

Problem of quads driven in park and Ed mentioned he will speak with a neighbor about this problem.

Discussed possibility of baseball hat with C.C. emblem or badge or ID of some sort. Ed said he will look into it.

**Old Business/Key initiatives:**

Mowing at BMR-trails were mowed and look great.

Dreamscapers will mow Still River area.

BMR mapping and trailwork still underway.

Meadow management- Kim looking into that-talk to Westmoreland Sanctuary caretakers about Autumn Olive trees. Hunter Brawley from Sherman, a consultant offered to consult for a fee.

Budgeting/Financial management - Bill still hoping someone will volunteer but will continue in the meantime.

Commission Development- Pat will meet with Bill and discuss

Mill Plain Swamp- Kim and Lin

~city isn't spending money for study(get a request for quotes)-  
exploration for alternatives-Leslie and Jack work with Leslie of The  
Kenosia Lake Authority for ideas.

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Old Quarry- Ed says clean up is underway

Still River Project Expansion-Nelle and Ed and Pat

**Old Business:**

Protection Status- Adding another layer of protection to the five major parks in our area.  
~Bill met with Ted Cutsumpas and agreed to get more information before the Common Council Ad Hoc committee meeting and to then meet with Les Pinter.

Kenny Kovacs' land off Brushy Hill -surrounded by Tarrywile-look into possibly purchasing this land in the future-Land Trust would be interested as well.

Budget- 2009 ends on June 30th and there will be money left over .  
The Conservation Commission did get all that was asked for for the year 2010- \$10,471.

**New Business:**

Ed made motion to adjourn, Nelle seconded and all approved.  
Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

**Next meeting:** Monday, June 15th at 7:00pm, Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Kim Botelho

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