



CITY OF DANBURY
DANBURY, CONNECTICUT 06810

Conservation Commission

May 21, 2012

7:00 p.m.

City Hall – Room 3C

Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Members present: Linda Murray - Chairwoman, Ed Prybylski – Vice Chairman, Shaun McColgan - Secretary, Brian Batterson, Ed Moore - Commissioners.

Absent/Excused: Kim Botelho, Nelle Tresselt.

Guests: Jack Kozuchowski.

Public speaking: None.

Item: Approval of minutes of April 16, 2012. Motion to approve by Ed Prybylski, seconded by Brian. Approved by all.

Lin Murray officially welcomed Ed Moore as our newest Commissioner.

Reports:

Still River Greenway (SRG): Jack reported that he is temporarily filling in as Chairman of the Still River Greenway Alliance (SRGA). There was a clean up day at the SRG last month. He reports he is in the process of reinvigorating the SRGA. A graduate student is working with the SRGA on a graduate project to unblock the Still River, which is a long term project. There is also a two year project, partially grant funded, to remove invasive species. Jack is hoping for additional business donations. Jack asked the Conservation Commission to pledge for the Still River Honor Roll which basically states we will continue mowing the greenway, monitor the mowing and assist the SRGA in promoting the Greenway. Motion to approve the pledge made by Brian and seconded by Ed P. Approved by all.

Jack then gave a presentation on Lake Kenosia, which is part of the Still River, on a vegetated (garden) buffer at the lake. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 30th.

Old Quarry Nature Center (OQNC): Ed Moore reported that he attended the OQNC clean up on 5/20/12. He said they removed a tent and lots of beer bottles, along with other trash. Kim Botelho and Chris Lener also attended.

Bear Mountain Reservation (BMR): Lin reported that mowing of the trails and fields hasn't been done yet due to the landscaper's mower needing repair. The mowing should be done this week.

Old Business / Key Initiatives:



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Budget management: Lin reported that the Royal Flush (porta-pottys) contract states 5/15 as the delivery date but they were delivered early again. A bill was received for the early delivery and Lin is working with the Purchasing Department on this issue. Lin further reported that there is still some money left in the printing and maintenance accounts, and asked for suggestions.

CT Trails Day plans: Scavenger hunts planned at OQNC and BMR.

New Business:

Dates reserved for OQNC: Lin went over a group of dates for Earth Day, family scavenger hunts, and nature story hours, all being done at Old Quarry. There will be a "Sunsational Summer" program every Monday throughout the summer.

Mowing contractor change: The SRG mowing contract was awarded to Dream Inc. (formerly Dreamscapers). Lin walked around SRG with the landscaper to make sure he understood the mowing contract. Kevin still has the mowing contract for BMR and a new contract request will go out in August.

Discussion of immediate needs at OQNC for summer programs: There was a discussion about what needed to be done immediately at OQNC for the new summer programs with trail maintenance noted as an urgent need.

Other maintenance needs and improvements: There was a discussion and a recommendation that the Conservation Commission transfer funds to enable us to purchase a gas weed eater, clippers and related equipment for use at BMR and OQNC. Lin will take care of this.

Motion to adjourn by Ed, seconded by Brian, and approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., Room 2C, City Hall.

Submitted by: Shaun McColgan – Commission Secretary. 06/03/12