

**Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2017
Municipal Center
Room 302
7:30 pm**

Minutes

Present: Marge Burris, Randall Paz, Lisa Lozier, Roberta Lauria, Jeffrey Sepko
Friends of Paderewski: Elaine Belanger, Tammy Duprey, Haas Berger

Absent:, Jeffrey Brousseau

Staff: Garrett Daigle, Assistant Town Planner, Rosemary Morante, Town Council Liaison

Visitors: Shane Lockwood Bristol, Burlington Health Director

I. G. Paderewski Pond – Sub Committee

Discussion:

- Shane Lockwood, CT Department of Health was present at the meeting.
- Shane said that there was a similar problem with the fish at a pond in Southington.
- Shane said that the Fishing Derby should be fine, but people should wash their hands. Water and soap would be best.
- Shane answered questions on bacteria levels in the pond. Shane said that the bacteria levels will be high because the water is stagnant.
- The bacteria levels will not affect the fish.
- Robert shared that additional testing would need to be done before dredging the pond.
- Robert explained the Town Council is considering using a vendor to spread a chemical to remove the weeds in the pond. It would be a significantly lower cost than dredging.
- Tammy reported a new twig coming out of the pond.
- A resident asked if there has been any thought given to a partial dredging.
- Robert said that loose dogs are an issue for the pond. He will ask the Dog Warden to check the area more often.

II. Minutes

A motion was made by: R. Lauria to approve the February Minutes as written.

Seconded: R.Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Minutes approved

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to approve the March meeting minutes as written.

Seconded: R. Paz

All in Favor 4 to 0

Marge abstains Minutes approved

III. Treasurer's Report

Marge went over the Treasurer's Report.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by: L. Lozier

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Report Accepted

IV. Mail and Communications

Marge went over all emails and correspondence with the commission.

1. Marge shared an email about the Earth Day volunteering at the Senior Center.
2. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection open houses.
3. Quinnipiac River Watershed Association email about Habitats for Butterflies and Bees.
4. Marge and Roberta sent emails about the Fishing Derby.
5. Lisa Metayer sent an email about Shane Lockwood attending the meeting.
6. Roberta sent an email saying Helen Bergenty is interested in doing an article in the Hometown Connection about the seeds for Earth Day.

V. Old Business

- A. Trails – Randall registered the hike on June 3rd on the American Hiking Society's web page and book.
- B. Website – Marge working on updating it.
- C. River Clean up – Lisa is still waiting for the motel manager to contact her. Manafort is ok with the cleanup. The time of the clean-up is May 6, 9 to 12. Marge to put the date on the website.
- D. Earth Day – 2017 – Roberta gave an update on the Earth Day project.
 - Seeds .02 of an ounce is equivalent to 100 sq ft. Roberta is proposing using .01 of an ounce for the residents. It will be a manageable amount.
 - 250 envelopes
 - Milk weed in one envelope and annuals in one envelope. Instructions will be inside.
 - A resident form will need to be filled out.
 - Marge asked for scotch tape for the envelopes.
 - Adults 18 and over will be the recipients of the seeds. They are not meant for human or animal consumption.

- The program will be in May to allow enough time to get the bags of seeds ready.
- Jeff, Randall, Marge and Roberta will help with the seeds.

E. Fishing Derby – Marge looked at the different options for stocking the pond. The commission discussed the options. The fish will be put back in the pond. 145 of the 8 inch trout, 40, 9 inch trout.

Roberta changed the time of the Fishing Derby to 8:30 am to start. It should be over by 11 am.

Roberta is going to need some volunteers to help her. Randall and Marge will help Roberta. Marge to get prizes from the Rec Dept and the rest of the prizes are in the safe.

Roberta will send out flyers and to the Elementary Schools, Middle School of Plainville and Rec Dept.

Marge will help at the table with check in.

A motion was made by: J. Sepko to purchase 145 (8 inch) trout and (40) 9 inch trout for the Fishing Derby.

Second: M. Burris

All in Favor 4 to 1 L. Lozier is not in favor Motion Passes

A motion was made by: J. Sepko to allocate \$850.00 to purchase trout for the Fishing Derby on May 7.

Second: M. Burris

All in Favor 4 to 1 L. Lozier is not in favor Motion Passes

A motion was made by: J. Sepko for miscellaneous supplies for the Fishing Derby.

Second: M. Burris

All in Favor 4 to 1 L. Lozier not in favor Motion Passes

F. Shed inventory – nothing

VI. New Business

1. Mark Swanson, 78 Metacomet Road, Pequabuck River Shed – Meeting at Nuchie's Restaurant for a river clean up in Forestville April 29.

VII. Misc Items

1. Land Acquisition Committee – Lisa was contacted by Tom Warnat about the Dog Park.

VIII. Appropriations

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to pay for \$86.97 for ink cartridges for Marge's Printer.

Second: J. Sepko

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

IX. Appointments

None

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom
Recording Secretary