

**Conservation Commission Agenda
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 8, 2019**

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.

**MUNICIPAL CENTER
ROOM 302**

PRESENT: Marge Burris, Devon Tyrell, Lisa Lozier, Jason Arnold, Jeffery Sepko, and
Randell Paz

STAFF: Rosemary Morante, Town Council Liaison

VISITORS: Art Marino, Curator Tomasso Nature Park

ABSENT: Garrett Daigle, Interim Town Planner (Excused)

A motion was made by: D. Tyrell to waive the order of the agenda and place Tomasso Nature Park first as Art Marino was present to give an update on the park.

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in favor 6-0 Motion Passes

Tomasso Nature Park- Discussion of 150th Birthday Celebration- Art Marino was present at the meeting. He talked about several topics:

1. There have been 26 visitors to the park in the past month.
2. There have been two more bookings including a troop of 32 boy scouts and a group of 8 painters.
3. There has been a incline of trout population in the Pequabuck River near the West Cemetery.
4. The 150th Birthday Celebration Deal with the Conservation Committee.
5. Turtles have been laying eggs in the sand beds at the park.

Art Marino left the meeting at 7:53 PM

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to return to the regular order of the agenda.

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in favor 6-0 Motion Passes

A. PADEREWSKI POND

1. **Discussion:**
 - i The letter to Friends of Paderewski Pond is to be benched and held off until later in the year.
 - ii L. Loizer brought up the emptying of the pond's fishing line canisters of trash.

- iii Contacting with Garrett Daigle in the possibility of seasonal emptying of the fishing line canisters.

B. MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Chairman's Report:** M. Burris went over the correspondence that was received:

- i Several requests for donations.
- ii Emails from CT Forests and Park
- iii CT Trails Day Brochure
- iv Eight Copies of CT Wildlife for April.

M. Burris also went over the results of the River Clean-up stating that 12 volunteers attended the clean up, including 5 commission members. The area was remarkably clean. The seeds have been received for the Earth Day event which have been packed by J. Septko and his volunteers. Also milkweed plants have been planted for the Family Fun Fest which is being held May 11, 2019 from 10:30 - 3:30 PM. Bee Drinking Bottles are prepared for assembly. Finally, Art Marino would like to discuss a partnership with the Commission and the Tommasso Nature Park.

C. MINUTES

A motion was made by: M. Burris to accept the minutes of April 10, 2019 at next month's meeting on June 12, 2019

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in favor 6-0

Motion Passes

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Website-** No updates have been made to the website.

2. **Fracking Waste Ban Discussion-** R. Morante gave an update on proposed State Legislation. A favorable report came out of the judiciary committee.

3. **River Clean-Up Results -** L. Loizer went over the results: 12 volunteers attended the clean up, including 5 commission members. The area was remarkably clean.

5. **Family Fun Fest , May 11, 2019, 10:30 to 3:30, at Linden School -** 2 Commission members, J. Septko and D. Tyrell, will be present at the table for the event. All materials are prepared for the event.

6. **Earth Day Project-** J. Septko went over the plan for the milkweed seeds. They have been packed and need to be labeled

7. **June Trails Day Hike- Update-** R. Paz updated the commission on the hike and location. The event has been included in the CT Trails Day brochure. The hike will take place June 11th at 10:00 AM.

E. FINANCIALS

1. **Treasurers Report-** Garrett was not present to go over the Treasurer's Report.

\$1,200 are currently in the commission's budget.

2. **Appropriations:**

A motion was made by: J. Septko to approve the \$11.80 for lunch bags and two hole punchers.

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in favor 6 to 0

Motion Passes

G. NEW BUSINESS

None

H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Town council did accept another 19 acres of open space at the last town meeting on May 6, 2019. R. Paz brought up the recent photos of oil in the Hamlin Pond and what jurisdiction the committee has in that area.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

J. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by: J. Arnold to adjourn meeting at 8:46 P.M.

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in favor 6 to 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted.

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Recording Secretary