

**Town of Plainville Conservation Commission**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on April 13, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm.

In attendance were Marguerite Burris, Roberta Lauria, Randall Paz, Eric Levy, Lisa Lozier, and Sue Holcomb.

No one was absent.

Also in attendance were Robert Lee and Rosemary Morante.

Attached is a list of attendees from the "Friends of Paderewski Pond".

Lisa Lozier made the motion to change the order of the agenda to allow for the business of the Friends of Paderewski Pond to be dispensed with first. Eric Levy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Friends of Paderewski Pond -**

Robert Lee reported that depth of the pond has not been performed yet to determine the volume of water in the pond. He asked if anyone had a flat bottom boat that they could use. Trudy Pellitier volunteered a boat.

There are plans to take dissolved oxygen readings two times a month between April 4, 2016 and September 19, 2016. Robert Lee said he would get information about what normal dissolved oxygen readings are for the next meeting. They are also measuring rain totals.

A sediment sample will be taken in the northwest and southeast corners of the pond to determine the chemicals in the sediment.

Dave Emery will be adding the geese eggs around the pond with the pin method. He will need to do this in the next week or so for it to be effective.

There was discussion about keeping the gates closed. The gate at the parking lot off Cooke Street broken and needs repair. It will not remain closed.

Robert Lee presented a document showing the pipe drainage system that brings water to the pond from Wheeler School, Birch Tree Road, Wheeler Lane and Plum Tree Road.

There are no immediate plans to construct a path around the pond although it is on the list to explore. It was mentioned that the material used should not interfere with the health of the pond.

Other items discussed included the possibility of returning a post on the west end of the pond, the return of destructive people dumping trash, etc, dogs not being on a leash while in the park, and fishing line still in the trees in some areas. The line disposal tubes have not been installed yet although Eric is mostly ready. The possibility of a bird sanctuary and/or something to attract birds to the island. With the warmer weather Robert Lee said he would ask the police to patrol the park a bit more.

The Friends of Paderewski Pond asked for more direction on setting up a schedule for volunteers picking up trash around the park. Having a coordinator was suggested. Jeffery Brousseau volunteered to be the coordinator.

Lisa Lozier made the motion to return to the agenda which was seconded by Eric Levy. All were in favor.

**Secretary Minutes -**

Eric Levy made the motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Roberta Lauria seconded. All were in favor with Sue Holcomb abstaining.

**Treasurer's Report –**

Same as last month. The Operating Expenses have a total of \$1618.69. Lisa Lozier made the motion to approve with Roberta Lauria's second. All were in favor.

**Mail and Communication –**

We received mail from Aquarion, Farmington River News, and Farmington River Water Shed Association.

**Old Business -**

**Trails:** Randy took a walk in the Boy Rock area but did not locate the specific formation. He would like to lead a hike in that area. If the Tilcon project goes through it will effect hiking in the area. It was suggested that the hike be done in the fall since there is not enough time to have it coincide with Earth Day.

**Website:** The website was updated. A new town site should debut in May. We should have the ability to modify the site on our own.

**River Clean-up:** Eric inquired about article placement in the paper. Lisa suggested wording and submitting it to the Plainville Citizen, Plainville Observer and New Britain Herald.

The Quinipiac River is fairly clean. It was suggested that the area around 84 Lumber and Lowes would be appropriate this time.

**Earth Day:** Lisa stated this is the last year for this type of Earth Day activity. She has not heard from some of the schools. Eric stated he can help with the mulch delivery.

**Fishing Derby:** Roberta has reserved Sunday, October 2, 2016 with Parks and Recreation Department. She supplied Middle School of Plainville with last year's flyer updated with this year's date.

**Shed Inventory:** Nothing new at this time.

**New Business -**

Roberta Lauria made the motion to ask Mr Lee to get a more specific breakdown (range) of what the \$100,000 per acre of dredging will entail. Eric Levy seconded. Motion carried.

Roberta Lauria made the motion to make sure anything done to Paderewski Pond is done in a manner to meet all federal and state regulations so we can apply for grants if a grant becomes necessary. Seconded by Lisa Lozier this motion carried.

Roberta Lauria made the motion to request the Town Manager provide to the commission, in writing, what has been done for Paderewski Pond starting from the April 13, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Eric Levy the motion carried.

Roberta Lauria made the motion requesting the Town Manager perform a baseline water sample, with results by May 11, 2016, to determine what hazards are in Paderewski Pond including chemicals, metals, pesticides, herbicides, bacteria, organic and inorganic items. Seconded by Sue Holcomb the motion carried.

**Miscellaneous -**

Eric is going to create sample signage that can be displayed with the fishing line disposal pipes.

Marge informed us that Jennifer Siskind is a consumer advocate.

Rosemary stated that the bill for the Tilcon project did not make it out of committee.

**Appropriations -**

Eric Levy's motion to appropriate up to \$500 for Earth Day activities was seconded by Sue Holcomb and was approved.

At 9:46pm Eric Levy made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Sue Holcomb. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randall Paz

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R Paz", is written below the typed name "Randall Paz".