

**Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2016
Municipal Center
Room 302
7:30 pm**

Minutes

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

Absent: Eric Levy, Jeffrey Brousseau

STAFF: Garrett Daigle, Assistant Town Planner, Robert Lee, Town Manager, Rosemary Morante, Town Council Liaison

Absent: None

I. G. Paderewski Pond – Sub Committee

Motion to move item G to number 1 by: L. Lozier

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 4 to 0

Motion Passes

Discussion:

- Robert explained that the Council received the water report from Loureiro. Loureiro is looking for information from the staff to provide an estimate of the cost of dredging the pond. We need to provide Loureiro with how deep the pond is. Robert estimates that the cost will be significant. The Council will need to decide if they want to move forward with dredging.
- Lisa reported that the leaves were blown. The leaves were against the fence and through the gates. It needs to be cleaned. Robert to follow up with Dave.
- Lisa asked that Robert talk to Dave about the trash cans. They need to be emptied.
- Lisa asked about stakes she saw. Robert to follow up and see what they are.
- Tammy reported someone slept by the pond in a tent. The police were called.
- Rosemary to find out when the water was tested if it was tested for anything that might be harmful to people.

II. Minutes

Motion to accept meeting minutes from November 9, 2016 regularly scheduled meeting by: L. Lozier

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 4 to 0

Motion Passes

III. Treasurer's Report

Marge presented the report. Marge to talk to Shirley about a new line item to use for donations.

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

Second: R. Paz

All in Favor 4 to 0

Report Accepted

IV. Mail and Communications

Marge went over all emails and correspondence with the commission.

1. Marge shared the email about Annual Meeting that Eric Levy could not attend. Tammy paid to attend the meeting.

2. Marge shared an email about Forest and Park about bats.

3. Farmington Valley River shed email.

4. Paderewski Pond Assessment email that was given to the Town Council.

V. Old Business

A. Trails – Randall looking to coordinate a hike in the spring. ongoing

B. Website – no updates

C. River Clean up –Garrett contacted the Health Department, but he did not hear back.

D. Earth Day – 2017 – Roberta presented an idea of doing a town wide event. Her idea is to give residents milkweed seeds to grow to increase the number of butterfly habitats in town. Lisa talked about when she planted the milk weed. Roberta reported that residents have been approaching her on the milk weed. Roberta contacted the US Fish and Wildlife Commission. They were interested. Roberta contacted the state also. Roberta thinks it is supposed to be planted around Thanksgiving and then it comes up the next spring. 10 plants together are needed for the butterflies. Roberta found out that it is \$7 to \$10 per plant. The seeds will be less expensive. ongoing

E. Fishing Derby – no new date set yet, waiting for water test results.

- F. Shed inventory – no update
- G. Paderewski Pond – addressed above

VI. New Business

None

VII. Misc Items

1. Road Kill – Rosemary presented the information she received about the road kill in Plainville. She will do some more research and report at next meeting.
Ongoing

2. Linden Street Tree – Roberta reported that the Historical Society is looking for input of what they are planning on doing around the tree.

3. Annual Meeting – Randall and Roberta reported on it.

4. Lisa reported on the Open Space Committee she is on.

VIII. Appropriations

None

IX. Appointments

None

X. Adjournment

MOTION: L. Lozier made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

SECONDED: R. Paz

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Dahlstrom
Recording Secretary