TOWN OF PLAINVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting held on January 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm.
In attendance were Marguerite Burris, Roberta Lauria, Eric Levy, Randall Paz, and Lisa Lozier.
Attending "Friends of Paderewski Pond" were Tammy Duprey, Jeffrey Brousseau, and Pam Beck. Both Eileen and Shannon Castrogiovanni had another commitment for this meeting as did Elaine Belanger.
Also in attendance were Robert Lee and Rosemary Morante.

Eric Levy made the motion to waive the order of the agenda to let the Friends of Pad pond go first. Roberta Lauria seconded and all were in favor.
Jeff reported that there had been a meeting of the group on January 7, 2016 at the library. The main focus of the meeting was to come up with a maintenance plan (see attached). Tammy and Pam had gone around the pond and had identified the trees that had "widow-makers" and made the request for the immediate removal of these hanging branches. There was also a request to look into the removal of the old fallen trees that had come down in past storms that are on the western side of the pond. Some citizens had voiced concern about the surveyor's tape on the trees thinking that this meant that the tree was going to be cut down. Tammy and Pam were going to try to come up with ways to publicize the intentions of the tree marking. Jeff said the group discussed the need to do a bi-weekly maintenance for the duration of the fishing season. Lisa questioned if the Inlands/Wetlands Commission needed to be part of all this and in the same respect, Marge questioned if there is going to be a need for the Army Corp. of Engineers. Mr. Lee wants to initiate a schedule for testing the water. He would like to have Chuck Lee from DEEP, Park and Rec. and possibly the police chief (so any of the residents that live on the pond who might need to contact the police about an incident that may be occurring do not need to fear repercussions by being able to remain anonymous). He also had some copies of google maps of the pond and of the bridge concepts at Winding Trails. It was mentioned that the dog bag containers are empty. Dave will be notified. There is a need for more trash cans. Roberta suggested that a couple more cans might work well next to the discarded fishing line canisters that will be put up in 4 locations this spring.

At this point Roberta Lauria made the motion to return to the agenda. Randall Paz seconded and all were in favor.

SECRETARY MINUTES- Roberta Lauria made the motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Eric Levy seconded and all were in favor.

TRESURER'S REPORT- There have been no changes with $1788.69 in Operating Expenses and $200 in Professional Development. Lisa Lozier made the motion to approve. Randall Paz seconded and all were in favor.

MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS-
Copies of "CT. Wildlife" magazine were distributed.

OLD BUSINESS-

TRAILS- There was nothing at this time.
WEBSITE- There was nothing at this time.
RIVER CLEANUP- There was nothing at this time.
EARTH DAY- There is nothing at this time.
FISHING DERBY- There is nothing at this time.
SHED INVENTORY- There is nothing at this time.
FRACKING-Marge sent an e-mail and received info back from the woman who had the seminar at the CACIWC meeting that Eric had attended regarding this issue. Jennifer Siskind responded and sent info that we all will take a look at for our next meeting. She would be very happy to come and address our commission, town council or any other interested group.

NEW BUSINESS- Roberta made the motion to let Mr. Lee know that we are making the recommendation to implement an egg addling program to humanely help to try to control the Canada goose population at Paderewski Pond. Eric Levy seconded and all were in favor.

MISC.- There was nothing at this time.

APPROPRIATIONS- There were none at this time.
Randall Paz made the motion to adjourn at 9:15pm. Roberta Lauria seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
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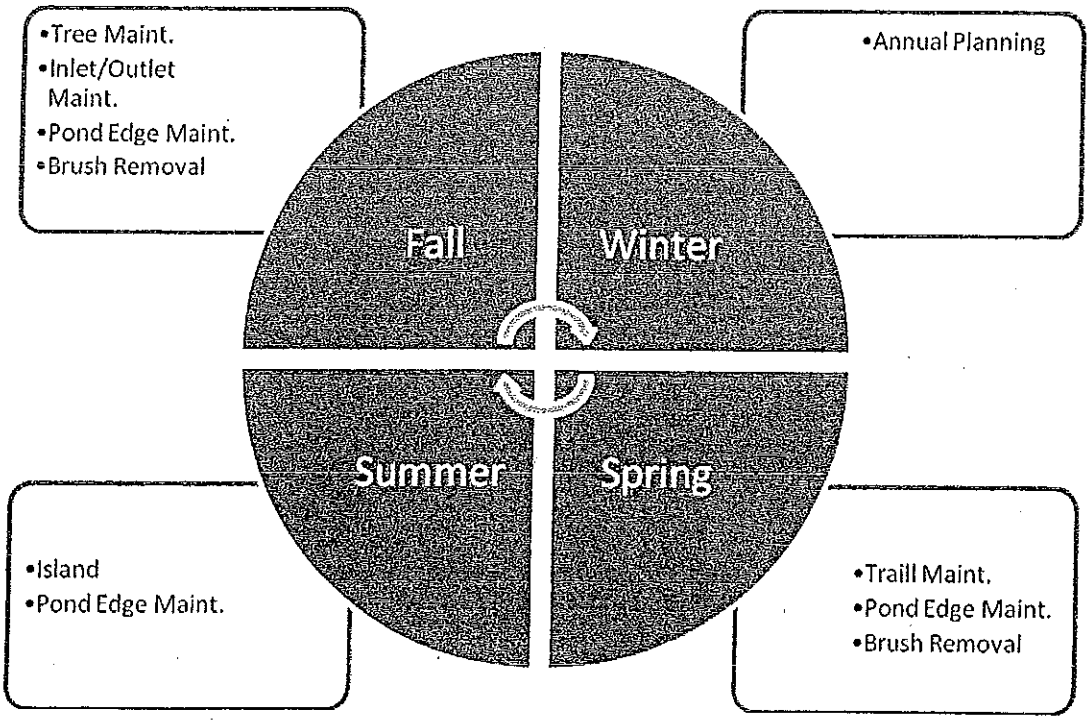
Paderewski Pond Maintenance Plan | 2016

On January 7, 2016, the Friends of Paderewski Pond held a meeting at the Plainville Public Library to discuss planning the maintenance of the pond for the upcoming year. The discussion identified key components for each season. Depending on the type of component, each would be completed by various groups including:

- Town of Plainville
- Members of the Friends of Paderewski Pond
- Other community groups

Our discussions on this evening led to many questions. It was suggested that a pond maintenance expert advise us (the Friends of Paderewski Pond, Conservation Committee and the town) on when and how to properly maintain the pond. It was also suggested we may want to reach out other towns, such as New Britain, to gain knowledge of some of the issues they have had and how they overcame them as well as any suggestions they may have regarding our plans for the year. Exact dates were not discussed, as the planning will require further discussion and review.

The diagram below displays each season and the types of maintenance we believe should be considered further by the Conservation Committee and the town. Additionally, it was suggested that a bi-weekly clean-up be scheduled for trash and fish line during the fishing season, and the dangling branches (widow makers) be removed immediately.



Questions:

- How will the fish population be maintained?
- Do we have a tree warden?
- Can there be studies performed?
- Can we have a consultant?
- Is the inlet a drip line?
- Is there a way for us to filter runoff into the pond through the inlet with a natural filtration process (reeds, etc.)?
- Recently there was some digging behind the homes. Was this a sewer line that was dug up and did this waste enter the pond?
- How can we study and maintain the plant life around the pond?
- Can we have more trash cans around the pond?
- Can we change the gates near the school? They are locked an unlocked during the day by someone, which prevents access to the pond from Birch Tree Rd.
- What do we need to know/understand before we attempt to add a bridge? Some neighbors are not sure this is a good idea. Others felt the disruption might be too much for the pond to handle, including the turtles, etc.
- Is raking the pond okay? It was suggested that raking will keep the pond cleaner.
- Can we make the pond deeper? Specifically, is dredging the pond an option?
- Do we know why, exactly, the island is off limits? Is it a bird sanctuary?
- Was the fence separating the park and the pond erected to prevent the geese from crossing the park?

Attendance:

- Jeffrey Brousseau – 151 Cooke St
- Patty Burgess – 48 Birch Tree Rd
- James Burgess – 48 Birch Tree Rd
- Dennis Plante – 45 Cottage St
- Marge Burris – 2 Mt View Dr
- E. Castrogiovanni – 27 Madison St
- Shannon Castrogiovanni – 27 Madison St
- Elaine Belanger – 199 Cooke St
- P. S. Beck – Birch Tree Rd

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