

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

August 14, 2019

REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.

MUNICIPAL CENTER

ROOM 302

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENT: Marge Burris, Devon Tyrell, Lisa Lozier, and Randell Paz, and James Lenois

STAFF: Garrett Daigle, Town Planner

ALTERNATES:

ABSENT: Jason Arnold (excused), Jeffery Sepko (excused), Rosemary Morante, Town Council
Liaison

VISITORS: Kristen Shores (Paderewski Pond), Katie Sic (Paderewski Pond), Jen Slabinski,
(Paderewski Pond), Linel Noble (PRWA), and Art Marino (Curator Tomasso
Nature Park)

I. ROLL CALL

There was a full quorum.

II. PADEREWSKI POND

Discussion:

Kristen Shores, Katie Sic, Jen Slabinski, visited in regards to volunteering at the next clean-up at Paderewski Pond. One concern is in the northeast corner of Cottage Street near the boat launch which has overgrown with invasive plants. Hooks and trash are also being littered around the pond. There is also excessive dumping near Cook Street. Cicada killers have been borrowing around the pond leaving holes near the trees though harmless to humans. Canister cleaning quality is still low. An entrance is being added at Birch Street which will include another trash can. Possible clean ups around the pond which

would include: removing weeds, picking up trash, and cutting down overgrowth. The commission is looking to plan the next clean up in September.

Visitors Kristen Shores (Paderewski Pond), Katie Sic (Paderewski Pond), Jen Slabinski, (Paderewski Pond) left the meeting at 8:01 PM.

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to change the order of the agenda to F2 of the Balloon Festival.

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

III. BALLOON FESTIVAL - Partnering with PRWA

Discussion:

Linel Noble spoke in detail about a partnership with the CC commission for the Balloon Festival. They are looking for volunteers to work August 24, 2019 with two booths together. J. Septko will provide the table with the banner. There will be training session at 3-4 PM before the festival. R. Paz will be working the booth for a few hours between 2-8 PM. Art Marino of Tomasso Nature Park brought flyers to pass out at the event which will include information about the park and how to make group reservations.

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to return to the original schedule of the agenda

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

IV. MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

- . A copy of Connecticut Wildlife
- . An email from Connecticut Forest and Park requesting a donation.
- . An email from Quinnipiac River Watershed with information regarding the organization of a Pollinator Pathway in Southington.
- . A thank you letter from the Plainville Housing Authority.

- .An email from Eileen Castrogiovanni regarding a position that was on the Plainville Facebook Page about Paderewski Pond.
- . An email from Linel Noble who joined in on the meeting tonight representing PRWA.
- . A resignation from Michael Derosier who has recently moved out of town.
- . A letter from commission member Jason Arnold who is undecided about resignation or taking a leave of absence.

-M.Burris also spoke with Mary Rydingsward of the PRWA suggesting a partnership at the upcoming Balloon Festival Saturday 24th, 2019. J. Spetko proposed the idea of providing recycling bags at the Ballon Festival and provided a couple of quotes, along with free shipping and delivery that would take 3-4 days.

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to approve the Chairman's Report.

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0 Motion Passes

V. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to approve the minutes of June 12, 2019 with name corrections and changes noted.

Seconded by: D. Tyrell

All in Favor 5 to 0 Motion Passes

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Website-** Updates were made to the websites which include the following:

- .Michael Derosier was removed from the site.
- . James Lenois was added to the site.
- . The May 2020 clean up date for May 2nd, 2020 was added.
- . National Trails Day information was added.
- . The date for the next Paderewski Pond clean-up was changed to September 28th.

VII. FINANCIALS

. Treasurer's Report

None

. Appropriations

. A motion was made by: L. Lozier to appropriate \$60 for subscription and membership QRWA.

Seconded by: D. Tyrell

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

A motion was made by: L. Loizer to appropriate up to \$700 for the purchase of recyclable bags for the Balloon Fest.

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in Favor 5 to 0

Motion Passes

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

River Clean-up September 28, 2019- J.Septko added information to the facebook page about the clean up. The clean-up will be taking place in the same spot. J. Lenois has dumpster availability for picking up and disposing of brush.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Land Acquisition Committee- There is still a land acquisition fund in place.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tomasso Nature Park- Flyers will be handed out at the Balloon Fest Event. Those who would like to register for a group tour should get in contact with Art Marino first. Recently a group of artists were painting without being registered. Turtles have hatched and there are still two bears habitating the park. It should be made clear to visitors that animals should not be fed at the park.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by: L. Loizer to adjourn meeting at 8: 55 P.M.

Seconded by: R. Paz

All in favor 5 to 0

Meeting adjourned at P.M.

Respectfully Submitted.

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Recording Secretary