

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
March 13, 2024
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING at 7:35 P.M.

**MUNICIPAL CENTER
ROOM 302**

I. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: L. Lozier, L. Noble, D. Tyrrell, J. Sepko, R. Paz

ABSENT: M. Burris

GUESTS: Art Marino, Technical Advisor

STAFF: M. DeVoe, Town Planner, R. Morante, Town Council Liaison

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

There were no guest presentations.

III. MAIL AND COMMUNICATIONS/ CHAIR REPORT

There was no report.

IV. MINUTES

a. February 14, 2024

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2024 as written.

Seconded by: L. Linel **All in Favor 5 to 0 Motion Passes**

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Tomasso Nature Park

• Turtle Nesting Signs

M. DeVoe showed completed turtle nesting signs at the meeting. They will be installed in locations marked by J. Sepko and/or A. Marino before nesting season begins. Eight bat boxes have been constructed by the Eagle Scout Project (two at each park). The Eagle Scout will receive a Certificate of Achievement during an upcoming Town Council Meeting.

Paderewski Park Pond

- **List of action items**

The Commission is concentrating on items that are specifically and preliminarily approved by the Town Council. The immediate list of items is as follows:

- i. **Aeration** – Will be submitted in capital budget year 2025.
- ii. **Conservation/Wildlife Management Easement** – Submitted to Town Attorney for review and comment.
- iii. **Signage/Waste Receptacles**

There are two types of waste receptacles:

1. **General trash barrel/containers, Commission** will map out where they will be best placed; recommendations for new locations.
 2. **Discarded fishing gear tubes.** Commission to decide on number of units to best curb pollution.
- iv. **Conservation Officer or Constable.** The Town of Plainville is unable to complete this action. DEEP is not likely to hire and train personnel to routinely patrol the park. The Police Chief will ensure that his Bicycle Patrol will be there as often as possible.

L. Lozier said that the pipe is still clogged and water is at a high level now. Water quality is compromised with trees. A party took place at the park with beer bottles left behind.

- c. **Sustainable CT** - Staff is in the process of arranging for a presentation on April 10th, or later date, if April 10th does not work. All land use commissions, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, Mary Rydingsward, and the Town Council will be invited.

The Commission discussed the Sustainable CT program and decided that it would be worthwhile to hear from the organization directly to see how the Town of Plainville might benefit perhaps from activities that they are already pursuing. M. DeVoe has reached out to Sustainable CT and made arrangements for a presentation at the Plainville Public Library during the Commission's next meeting on April 10, 2024. Flyers will be sent out shortly. They will advise how Plainville might benefit from the program as well as discussing the resources needed on the local level to ensure success. Town Council, all land use commissions, and Mary Rydingsward will be invited.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion regarding the repair of the Park fence in proximity to the Perron Road cul-de-sac. The area of the fence is being reviewed for repair and will be facilitated soon.

Recyclable trash bags for future river clean-up events have arrived and were given to Jeff Sepko.

River Clean-up – Alternatives to the river because of flooding are cleaning area of trash and knotweed near Craft Kitchen and the bridge, and West Cemetery. Water levels will be inspected in April and if acceptable, a clean-up date will be scheduled in May. Mark DeVoe will send the particulars to the Social Media arm of the Town manager's Office as soon as arrangements are finalized.

National Trail Day – Is scheduled on Saturday, June 1 with June 2 as the rain date. Plainville hike will take place a Pinnacle Rock on the Metacomet trail. Announcement will be on the town's social media site. Parking is at a premium.

Earth Day – Earth Day, April 22, will be planned with participation of elementary school students. A suggestion was made that 5th Graders at Toffolon School train and mentor Kindergartners while planting Dogwood saplings.

A motion was made by: R. Paz to appropriate up to \$300.00 for the purchase of Dogwood saplings and gift card.

Seconded by: L. Lozier **All in Favor** **5 to 0 Motion Passes**

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

M. DeVoe provided the balance of all line items. Fund balance is \$1,078.80

A motion was made by: L. Lozier to approve the report as presented.

Seconded by: R.Paz **All in Favor** **5 to 0 Motion Passes**

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by: L. Lozier at 8:21 p.m.

Seconded by: R. Paz **All in Favor 5 to 0** **Motion Passes**

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Guite

Recording Secretary