

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

7:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Items: Call Meeting to Order
Public Comments – 15 Minutes
Acceptance of May minutes
Treasurer’s Report
2012 Programs & Events
- School field trips
- Country Fair Fundraiser Event recap
- Special needs and inner city program development
- Eagle Scout project updates
- CT Trails Day wildlife hike in Trumbull
Website and media
Old Business
New Business
Adjournment

Attending: Commission: Chairman Pam Georgas; Frank Graszynski, Bonnie Lindsay, Kevin Malone, Ruth Mohr, Guest from 501c3: Meg Barnes; Guest: Joe Rizzo; Clerk: Sheryl Baumann

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Public Comments

Joe Rizzo, a wildlife carver and sculptor from Shelton, CT asked the Commission to consider hosting an art show on the grounds of the Nature Center. Mr. Rizzo would like to hold a 2-day event on a Saturday and Sunday in May of 2013. The event would feature wildlife sculptors from throughout the northeast region. Mr. Rizzo spoke of various options in which TNAC could raise funds at this event. The Commissioners told Mr. Rizzo that they would consider his proposal, and let him know if they were interested in pursuing next steps.

Minutes Approval

April minutes were approved as presented. Kevin moved on the motion, Bonnie seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Treasurer’s Report

Meg Barnes provided the commission with a report on the 501c3 accounts. A discussion was held on the income/expenses of the fundraising event.

2012 Programs & Events

- School Field Trips

Debbie Artinian will present the commission with a payment proposal for organizing, scheduling and teaching school field trips.

- 501c3 Country Fair Fundraiser Event Recap

A discussion was held regarding the Event. The commission decided that a \$500 scholarship will be donated to the Trumbull Agiscience Biotechnology Center, to be given to a student at the director's discretion.

- Special needs and inner city program development

No discussion was held.

- Eagle Scout project updates

- The sensory garden project has been completed.

- An Eagle Scout requested permission to build picnic tables for TNAC. Pam suggested that the picnic tables could be part of a new outside classroom teaching area, bordered by split logs.

- CT Trails Day Wildlife Hike in Trumbull

TNAC is sponsoring a wildlife hike in Trumbull, as part of CT Trails Day, on Sunday, June 3rd, from 1 to 3pm.

- Website and media

- A social media group is currently maintaining TNAC's Facebook page. Traffic on TNAC's Facebook page has increased by 250%.

- Frank requested that a note be added to TNAC's website informing visitors that the June 16th Nature Expedition in the Valley will meet at the Helen Plumb building, not at the Nature Center.

Old Business

No discussion was held.

New Business

No discussion was held.

Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Sheryl Baumann, Nature Commission Clerk