

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 2, 2013
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

Present: Chairman, Pam Georgas; Kevin Malone; Frank Graszynski

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the December minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

Election of Officers

It was moved by Kevin Malone, seconded by Frank Graszynski to nominate Pam Georgas as Chairman of the Commission. Approved unanimously.

2013 Meeting Dates

It was agreed by the Commission members that meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning in February. They will be held at the Nature & Arts Center at 7pm.

Connecticut Trails Day

Discussion was held regarding Trumbull's participation in the Connecticut Trails Day. It was agreed to hold the walk on Saturday, June 1 with a rain date of Sunday, June 2. It was tentatively scheduled for 10:00am. Frank commented on the walk done two years from Indian Ledge Park to Old Mine which was conducted by John Lauria. It was suggested to conduct the same walk but include the Indian caves. Registration process was reviewed which is done on line and includes a liability sign off for the participants.

Pam noted she needs to attend the Parks Commission meeting to approve the walk and provide parking permits for participants. Kevin agreed to be one of the leaders. It was also noted that Jim Sullivan from the Conservation Commission has volunteered to be a leader.

Relocation Presentation to Town Council Education Subcommittee

Discussion was held regarding the presentation. Pam noted she has been working on mapping and overlays with two individuals to prepare for the presentation. It was agreed two locations, at most, should be addressed. Pam noted the presentation should include overlays of how the Nature Center

would look in the parks. Photos should be included. Discussion of the survey prepared by Scott was held.

It was noted that four locations are being discussed but the Nature Center commission should choose a site, possibly in conjunction with the 501c(3), and present pros and cons. This would then be presented to the subcommittee with the overlays. Pam noted overlay details are being worked on noting the subcommittee is looking for visual and environmental improvements within the site chosen.

Frank agreed to work on the presentation for the subcommittee and will attend the 501c(3) meeting to discuss sites.

Old Business

No Old Business.

New Business

1. Pam noted she will be meeting with the Building Director to discuss improvements to the current building.
2. Pam noted a parent who has approached her regarding programs for home-schooled students. Pam has contacts for the Trumbull home school network that may be able to connect with the interested Sandy Hook home school parents for TNAC programming. Discussion was held regarding programs for school-aged children and what is available. Also discussed were programs for nannies who would be interested in attending programs with pre-school children. Pam will speak with Eric regarding this type of program. She noted several programs have already been booked for the coming months.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall, Clerk