

Trumbull Nature Commission

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Present: Chairman, Pam Georgas; Kevin Malone; Frank Graszynski. Also present: Scot Kerr; Sheryl Baumann; Dawn Kosarko

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Georgas, seconded by Mr. Graszynski, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2013.

Endangered Species Campaign

The Young Women's Club has offered to paint the cottontail sculpture for the Cottontail 'Art in Public Places' scavenger hunt initiative. A theme is in development, and may include master painting styles. There will be a fun facts question and answer session for children. Ms. Georgas presented a flyer for the campaign to be distributed to local businesses and organizations. Local businesses will be contacted for their sponsorships and participation.

CT Youth ambassador, Samantha Holmes' Tick Awareness Hike Series

The Trumbull Parks and Recreation Commission approved 2 hikes scheduled for April 7 & 20, 2013. A third is being discussed for April 14 in Monroe. The hikes are for children ages 7-10.

Plans for a small anti-tick garden for children were discussed to be placed by the outdoor classroom space. A flyer will be prepared to present to the Board of Education.

Spring & Summer Programs Update

The Spring programs schedule is released. Ms. Georgas noted that we should invite the Lighthouse Camp again this year, and add new elements into the Lighthouse Camp program, as well as for the Art and Nature Camps.

Community Impact Employee Volunteer Days

Approval for Unilever was received for participation on April 4, 2013. Lush Cosmetics, United Way, and some of their corporate sponsors are interested in participating as well. Outlining projects for these days was discussed.

Sustainable Living Series

Ms. Georgas suggested the Long Hill Farmer's Market on Thursday evenings as a possible location for the farmer's market educational program. Mr. Graszynski suggested a Green Village Initiative and the construction of school gardens.

New Business

The Commission was contacted by Community Health Network with a request to conduct nutrition workshops at the Trumbull Nature and Arts Center for teens and adults. Possible workshop dates include May 9, 14, and July 9. It was moved by Mr. Graszynski, seconded by Mr. Malone, to accept the proposal for July. Mr. Kerr will invoice the company regarding a donation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Kosarko, Clerk