

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

7:00pm

Present: Chairman, Pam Georgas; Kevin Malone; Frank Graszynski. Guest Cheryl Baumann

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Past Minutes: It was noted under "Endangered Species Campaign" the name Ross should be Rasa. Motion made by Mr. Graszynski, seconded by Mr. Malone to approve the minutes with the noted change. Unanimous.

2014 Living Green/Living Local (NAA program application)

Mrs. Georgas noted there are different topics which will be applied for including conservation topics such as a green house, color lighting, and outdoor classroom. The topics will be listed on the application and when a sponsor comes forth to coordinate the project, it will be developed. Sun was contacted for sponsoring one of the projects. This will need to be discussed further in the Fall as to what they would like to sponsor. Sponsors cannot apply until September/October. Approvals from the town must be obtained first. This is a tax incentive program. Mr. Lavernovich will bring the programs to the Town Council for approval and then it will be presented to the State of CT. It was noted this program has been expanded to include educational initiatives instead of just energy.

Mapping Trumbull Wildlife

Richard White is working on this application which will require a server for completion. This may become a part of the drain storm mapping program. It was noted that users can download information and connect to the DEP website for informational animal sheets.

Bonnie Lindsey entered the meeting at 7:21pm.

Endangered Special Campaign

No update. Rasa has the list of who is assigned to the various components of the campaign. It was noted the lawn signs are out.

Summer Programs

It was noted the Lighthouse camp is all set.

Fall Programs

A program meeting is being set up to finalize some ideas for the Fall. It was noted the Kennedy Center has contacted the TNC and would like to organize a program for the special needs child. A bee keeping program will be done in the fall.

A discussion of the display items was held for the cottontail program.

Building Relocation

Discussion was held regarding the presentation made of the proposed building relocation. Concerns were raised regarding the disposition of the current property and its future usage. Prior legislation did restrict the property. It was agreed legislation would be written to protect the property and all commissions and departments will be involved in this document.

Old Business

June 1st is Trails Day. The hike through the valley is 2-3 hours conducted by John Lauria, Rich Coffee, and Kevin Malone.

Volunteer day ideas are being discussed. United Healthcare is unable to help this year with a donation. It was noted some volunteers will be working on the garden site with tomatoes and sun flowers. Vo-ag volunteers and some other individuals will be organizing a Planting Day. Suggestion was made to plant some anti-tick plants such as lavender, marigold, rosemary and lemon grass to help lessen the problem on the grounds.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Graszynski, seconded by Mr. Malone, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk