

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

7:00pm

Present: Chairman, Pam Georgas; Commissioners Kevin Malone and Bonnie Lindsay. Guests: Cheryl Baumann, Rasa Malish, Kris Saccone

Absent: Frank Grazynski

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by the chairman.

Past Minutes: Mr. Malone moved to approve the minutes of July 9, 2013 as written. Seconded by Ms. Lindsay; unanimous.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Ms. Georgas noted the Parks Commission has changed their regulations and the Nature Center no longer needs to go before the commission for hiking activities. Mary Markum in the Recreation Department will be contacted for scheduling and the park rangers will be advised of non-resident cars at the parks.

Facility Relocation

Ms. Georgas reported the agenda for the Parks Commission meeting this month is full and the chairman suggested that the presentation regarding the new facility be moved to the September meeting to have more time for discussion. The legislative component of the presentation will need to be moved to the October meeting. The most recent version of the presentation will be forwarded to the commissioners for review. Revisions were reviewed such as construction start when funding is received, benefits to the community such as clearing invasive plants and garden maintenance.

Current Building

Ms. Georgas noted repairs to the building are being discussed and that she would be speaking with Bullard Haven to have them come back to re-evaluate some of the projects. She noted the cost of repairs has increased and was hopeful that the town might be able to pick up the cost of materials. John Marsilio must approve the changes to the building before anything can move forward.

Programs

1. Fall – dates have been selected for all the fall programs except for the bee presentation. The program consists of four after school craft classes, five sections of the Nature Detective series, archery, astronomy, rocket building and bees. Flyers should be completed by the end of the week.

2. Scout - some programs are all set. A relationship is being developed with the local leaders and it is hoped to build on these in the fall. The Nature Detective Series fits into the structure of the merit badges.
3. School Field Trips – a meeting will be scheduled with the curriculum director when school starts so that the new curriculum components can be incorporated.

Old Business

1. Mr. Malone has been in contact with the sign maker who has designed two signs for the center. One will be a sign using changeable letters that can be used to advertise programs, classes and events. There will be \$200 charge for a 300-letter pack. The second sign will be a hanging sign regarding the trails and playground. Mr. Malone was requested to clarify the size of the sign and the material used. It was agreed the size should be 18"x24".
2. Ms. Saccone noted she has a proposal for the adult services program (21yrs and above) for cleaning the building. It has been proposed they would do general cleaning such as sweeping and wiping down tables; final details need to be worked out.

New Business

1. Ms. Saccone spoke about the Halloween event. Event activities are being decided and they are putting together a proposal. This event will have a haunted trail outside around the building and activities inside. A date has not been chosen and it was recommended to check the school calendars for any conflicts.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk