

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

7:00pm

Present: Chairman, Pan Georgas; Commissioners Frank Grazynski and Kev in Malone

Absent: Commissioner Bonnie Lindsay and Ruth Mohr

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Past Minutes: Motion was made by Mr. Grazynski, seconded by Mr. Malone, to approve the minutes of February 11, 2014. Unanimous.

Status of Commission and 501c3 Agreements with Town

Mrs. Georgas noted the Parks Commission met and passed the proposal to approve Old Mine Park as the site of the new Nature Center. However, this proposal had stipulations which are unknown at this time. It will now go to the Town Council along with the dissolving of the Nature Commission. She noted a meeting was held with Lynn Arnow, herself and Mr. Malone regarding this process.

Town Council Finance Budget Committee Meeting

Mrs. Georgas noted she will be going before the committee next week to speak about the utilities.

Commission Wrap-up Report Finalized

Mrs. Georgas noted the report is complete and will be sent to the Town Council for review.

Young Women's Club Egg Hunt

Request has been made for the first or second week in April.

Trumbull Community Women's Shredding Event

This event will take place on May 31, 2014.

Regional Task Force Clean Energy Committee

Request has been made to use the facilities for a meeting of the chairman from surrounding communities. This will be coordinated within the next two weeks.

Sun Products

Mr. Malone, Mrs. Baumann and Mrs. Georgas met with representatives from Sun Products. Sun Products would like to make a significant donation to the Nature Center but due to the uncertainty of the status of the building, they are waiting until a decision is made. Mrs. Georgas has expressed to town officials that this uncertainty is impacting the confidence of the TNAC sponsors. However, if the town shows support for the project, this could be turned around.

Fund raising was discussed. It was noted that donations can be solicited from sponsors for the new project. The donations would be designated for the planning and construction of the new facility.

Transition Meeting

Discussion was held regarding the transition to the 501c3 and it was felt that a meeting should be set up to discuss both the town and operational side of the transition. This would give insight as to how things were handled in the past and then the 501c3 could make decisions based on this information. It was agreed to meet on 3/23 at 1pm prior to the blue bird house program.

Park Commission Minutes

Mrs. Georgas read the Parks Commission minutes from March 4 which had just been distributed. Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the approved proposal and stipulations. It was noted the Parks Commission was charged with approving the concept and potential location of the new facility but the Town Council is the body which will make the final agreement and arrangements. Mrs. Georgas noted a land study will need to be conducted prior to final approval of a site at Old Mine. It was felt that the Parks Commission did not approve the concept as requested.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall, Clerk