

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

7:00 pm

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

Absent: Commissioners Bonnie Lindsay and Ruth Mohr

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

Past Minutes: Motion was made by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mr. Grazynski, to approve the minutes of March 11, 2014. One correction was made by Mr. Malone – Under Status of Commission, last line should read ...”a meeting **will be** held with Lynn Arnow”... Approved unanimously as corrected.

Status of Commission and 501c3 Agreements with Town

A meeting was held with Mr. Malone, Mrs. Georgas and Carl Massaro to discuss the Parks Commission minutes regarding the proposed relocation of the Nature Center. Mr. Massaro had several questions because the Town Council has not been very involved in the process. He questioned why there is a 501c3 instead of a commission to oversee the center. It was explained that past leadership required this although there are various models that could be used. There will be a meeting between the First Selectman, Mr. Massaro and Lynn Arnow regarding the Parks Commission meeting minutes. Mr. Massaro noted that the Town Council supports this move but there needs to be a more collaborative effort between all parties. Location was discussed. The location referenced in the Parks Commission minutes is not feasible; no input was received from any departments or individuals that would be involved in the project.

The current building was also discussed and how the inside is not big enough for large programs. The proposed Bullard Haven work was discussed which will now cost much more due to the delay in implementation.

Plan of Conservation and Development

This document is a guideline for the town to use for development.

Painting

Mr. Malone noted the 501c3 will be painting the inside of the building. He noted there is a volunteer who would like to help with the project.

Blue Bird Project

This project is scheduled for May 4 and has been coordinated by the student leadership committee. Bird houses have been cleaned in the parks. Thirteen families have signed up for this year’s program.

Garden

Mr. Malone noted he is buying seeds to start which include tomatoes, cucumbers and eggplant. All the food will be donated to local agencies. The individual who is working with this garden may also take over the community garden if additional volunteers are recruited.

Scouts In Government Day

Mr. Malone noted he had two scouts for the program.

Easter Egg Hunt

This event was recently held with a big turnout.

Building Upgrades

Mr. Malone noted a discussion has been held regarding projects for the facility including a back patio with enclosure and gardens. He noted Sun Products donated \$1,500 to go towards small projects/programs at the center.

Earth Day

Programs are scheduled in town for Earth Day which is April 22, 2014. Mr. Malone noted this might be combined with a volunteer day but

nothing is confirmed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Grazynski, seconded by Mr. Malone, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk