

Trumbull Nature Commission
Tuesday, August 12, 2014
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
7:00 pm

Present: Chairman, Pam Georgas; Commissioners Frank Grazynski and Bonnie Lindsay

Absent: Commissioners Ruth Mohr and Kevin Malone

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:04 pm.

Past Minutes

Approval of the minutes of June 10, 2014 was deferred and meeting notes of July 8, 2014 did not require approval as a quorum was not present and agenda items discussed were for information only.

Status of Commission and 501c3 Agreement

Mrs. Georgas contacted Carl Massaro and Lynn Arnow regarding the agreement between the town and the 501c3 but has not received any response. She noted that the 501c3 should now be pursuing the completion of the agreement. This organization has been operating for approximately three years. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Grazynski to request the Town Council to dissolve the Nature Commission as of January 1, 2015 and any and all facility, land or building use agreements at that point be transferred to the 501c3 as requested by the town. Seconded by Mrs. Lindsay and approved unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding who would oversee the Nature Center property. Mrs. Georgas noted that it is considered open space and that would fall under Mr. Paris.

Fall Program Schedule

Mrs. Georgas reported there is a full schedule of programs listed for the fall.

Student Leadership Team Fundraiser

Mrs. Georgas reported the students will be hosting a booth at the Trumbull Arts Festival and will be selling pre-made packets of dip as a fund raiser. She is also working with them to produce a packet of information on each project they work on so they can show both GE and Sun Industries what they have accomplished with the grant money received.

Transfer of Responsibilities to the 501c3

Discussion was held regarding the transfer of responsibilities and the expectations for continued sustainability of the Nature Center. It was suggested the TNAC Commission meet with the 501c3 members and exchange information such as fund raising, membership, programming, etc. and offer to provide any help that is necessary for the next quarter until the changeover is

completed. It was agreed to meet with the 501c3 members and Mrs. Georgas will contact them regarding a meeting date.

Canoe Request on TNAC Pond

Mrs. Georgas noted this request has been denied by the town.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Grazynski moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Seconded by Mrs. Lindsay and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk

These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the next meeting of the Trumbull Nature Commission meeting.