

Trumbull Nature Commission
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
7:30 pm
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
7115 Main Street, Trumbull, CT 06611

ZOOM Meeting

Agenda

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Approve Minutes (June 2022)

TNAC Q&A:

1. Commission Questions/Comments Regarding Written Director Report

Old Business:

1. ARPA Funding, Board of Finance Meeting Recap & Next Steps

New Business:

1. Town of Trumbull, Five-Year Plan
2. Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Adjournment

Trumbull Nature and Arts Commission Regular Meeting

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Patrons of the Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

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Subject: Report to Nature Commission: September 2022

TNAC Building and Grounds

- Building
 - o On September 1, a joint meeting of the Town Council and Board of Finance was held at the THS auditorium, to give Trumbull departments the opportunity to discuss their project on the Town list and answer questions
 - Jack Boynton and I attended
 - I presented on behalf of the Nature Commission and the Patrons
 - In advance of the meeting, I emailed photos of the areas included on the Town's list of possible ARPA projects
 - o The photos were included in the PowerPoint presentation
 - Until mid-October, public is being invited to suggest other possible projects
 - A second joint meeting will be held on October 27.
 - This second meeting will include the newly suggested projects
- Grounds
 - o Sunflower garden
 - The garden is in full bloom
 - o A replacement circle sign by playground was fabricated and installed by John Massari of Accent Signs

Corporate and Community Partnerships

- Henkel
 - o On August 10, approximately 13 Henkel employees and volunteers participated in projects at TNAC:
 - Painted 12 picnic tables, completed rehab of outdoor chalkboard, posted educational signage on butterfly garden
- Sacred Heart University
 - o On September 19, students of Professor Pat Walker will clear trails in order to mitigate tick transmission to humans/dogs; 1 - 3pm
- Unilever
 - o Unilever employees will be holding a community service day at TNAC on October 20, 9 - 12, 12 - 3
 - Projects may include mulching of garden in front of ramp, clearing sunflower and vegetable gardens, painting hallway bathroom
- Goodwill
 - o Goodwill participants continue to volunteer on Tuesday mornings, except in inclement weather

Fundraising

- The Patrons of TNAC received the second allocation of \$75,000 in directed local funding from the State of CT
 - o Funds to be used for operational expenses, no capital expenditures allowed
- Henkel 2022 MIT Grant (\$10,000)
 - o TNAC was awarded the \$10,000 as requested
 - Funds not yet received
 - Grant projects:
 - E-STEM science adventure
 - Grade 3 Pond Ecology school program scholarships

Education

- This past summer, the Patrons provided environmental education programs to 562 students from Trumbull, Bridgeport, and Monroe.

Upcoming Programs

- Tinkergarten: Fridays, and possibly Saturdays, September - November
- September 17: Sunflower Seed Harvest
- September 24: TNAC Trail Tales: The Hike
- October 8: Full Moon Night Hike
- October 15: TCW Shredding
- October 15: Native American Storytelling
- October 29: Hike Through the Valley
- October 30: Make your own a squirrel feeder
- November 6: Hiking & Backpacking 101
- November 13: Make a winter bird house

Community

- TNAC will participate in the Trumbull Arts Festival on 9-18-22

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