

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of

Regular Meeting of April 14, 2005

Members Present

Sheila Stoane
Howard Reid
Katchen Coley
Kate Miller
James Fortuna
Jane Brawerman
Nancy Kiniry
Laura Hall
Michael Ennis
David O'Brien
Ellen Lukens
Stephen Ladd

Members Absent

Gerald Rankin
Len Tundermann

Others Present

Brian Robinson, ZEO
1 member of public

A Call to order

B. Roll Call.

Chairwoman Sheila Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m in Room 208 in the Municipal Building. The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

Sheila Stoane introduced Laura Hall who replaced Robert Nolan. The commissioners introduced themselves and all welcomed Laura.

C. Sheila Stoane introduced John Hall who presented a presentation on "The Jonah Center for Earth and Art".

Commission discussion ensued.

Nancy Kiniry recommended contacting the Habitat to Humanity to purchase the Salafia Land.

Send copy of "Jonah Center" to Katchen Coley, Nancy Kiniry and James Fortuna.

D. Public Forum

One member of public, Christine T. Homa introduced herself and briefly explained the proposed CLCV Environmental 101 program.

E. Minutes

Minutes of the March 10, 2005 meeting.

Motion to approved minutes.

Moved by Nancy Kiniry and seconded by James Fortuna.

Approved unanimously with Michael Ennis, David O'Brien, Stephen Ladd and Ellen Lukens abstaining.

F. Old Business

1. Trail Guide

The guide is being printed and will be available for Earth Day (April 22nd).

Ellen Lukens asked where the guides would be sold.

Katchen Coley recommended selling the guides at the Earth Day Celebration on April 22, 2005 at 12:30 p.m. at City Hall.

2. Public Relations – Conservation Corner

Missed last article

April 20th is the submission date deadline for The Chronicle.

Kate Miller recommended an Earth Day article including legislation, the trail guide and the clean energy bill.

3. Open Space Status

Michael Ennis questioned Bill Warner's presentation on Open Space because he was not at the last meeting.

4. NU Transmission Lines

Sheila Stoane updated the transmission lines.

5. Other

None

G. New Business

1) Earth Day, Friday, April 22, 2005

Earth Day Celebration will be held on Friday, April 22nd at City Hall at 12:30 p.m.

Michael Ennis recommended sending a press release to the Middletown Press about the purchased open space.

Katchen Coley summarized the Clean Energy proposal which was presented to Public Works.

Kate Miller stated gocleanenergy.com for information and sign up.

Kate Miller recommended that the first ten people to sign up will get a free trail guide.

2) Restructuring of Local Land Use Commissions Proposed – HB 1083

Sheila Stoane briefly summarized.

3) Bond Referendum

Katchen Coley summarized the Public Works meeting on bonding. Commissioner Coley recommended submitting a letter for consideration of open space bonding.

Motion: To write letter to Mayor, the Bond Commission and the Common Council stating Open Space funds have been used and to consider additional Open Space, Farmland preservation and to thank them for previous support. Letter to be written by Michael Ennis.

4) Lawn-care pesticide

Motion to seek funding to develop brochures on freedom lawns and to be distributed in the tax bills.

Moved by Kate Miller and seconded by Jane Browerman
Approved unanimously

5) Charging for the Trail Guide

Sheila Stoane stated the fund has been set up.

G. Correspondence

Michael Ennis asked when Guida Farms was purchased. Commissioner Ennis recommended an anniversary celebration.

Tell Bill Warner about Salafia purchase.

Ellen Lukens recommended each person volunteered to maintain the trails in the trail guide and to bring lists to the next meeting.

H. Member Forum

No Dumping Signs – Ravine, Summit Place, Gordon Place and Bretton Road.

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:33pm

Moved by

Approved unanimously