

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2000

PRESENT

S. Stoane
E. Lukens at 7:20 p.m.
J.. Brawerman at 7:25 p.m.
K. Humphrey
K. Coley
K. Porter (Holden)
J. Killian (not sworn in yet)
L. Holder
M. Graves, student

ABSENT

L. Tundermann
J. Beatty
J. Fortuna
J. Marhevka
A. Siniscalchi

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Sipperly, Staff

Call to order

S. Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room at the Russell Library.

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

Chairperson S. Stoane welcomed new member John Killian who was appointed at the last Council Meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and welcomed John aboard. He replaced M. DeRosier.

S. Stoane also reported that inadvertently, the re-appointments of A. Siniscalchi and L. Tundermann that were suppose to have been made were not.

Staff will follow up on this.

A commendation award should go to M. DeRosier. This will be investigated by staff and commission members. Several ideas were discussed.

B. Minutes of May 11, 2000

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented

Moved by E. Lukens\seconded by K. Humphrey

discussions to add J. Brawerman under present

Approved unanimously.

C. Officers and Committee Reports

Mr. Sipperly reported that the Inland Wetlands Commission has increased enforcement and have issued Cease and Desist on some jobs and subdivisions. Steeplegate off of Atkins Street is especially a problem and they have been ordered to work only on site stabilization measures. Mr. Sipperly also reported that the city has received another Brownfields grant for \$200,000 for job training.

Partners include the Community College and Chamber of Commerce. The environmental testing is being conducted on the Peterson and Sewage Treatment property. The bike path on the Mattabasset Trolley trail is being coordinated for purchase and design.

D. Old Business

1. Open Space Brochure

S. Stoane reported that the maps are being prepared and that Midstate has to prepare more maps. Mr. Sipperly reported that Midstate was paid for the first group of maps. Matt Graves has been very instrumental in the mapping of trails at Crystal Lake. These trails will also be marked. Discussion ensued regarding the layout and timeframe of completion.

2. Plan of Conservation and Development

Mr. Sipperly handed out a draft copy of the Open Space Chapter to S. Stoane and E.Lukens. Additional copies will be forwarded to interested Commissioners. Comments should come back ASAP, but there is still time.

3. National Parks, Rivers & Trails Technical Assistance Request

Mr. Sipperly asked the Commission for ideas to submit a proposal. K. Coley stated that in 1993 the Coginchaug River Conservation Plan was not what the city expected and cautioned working with them on future projects. Mr. Sipperly will ask the project coordinator if a study of our lakes and ponds could meet the criteria.

4. Other

John Killian stated that perhaps the Open Space Brochure can be put on the internet for users to access. He offered to work on this when the time comes.

E. New Business

1. Open Space Acquisition Grant Program Fall 2000

J. Brawerman arrived at 7:55 p.m.

A. Minutes of April 13, 2000

Motion: Motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2000

Moved by K. Humphrey, seconded by J. Fortuna

Corrections: First page change the “absent” column and the “others present column.

Page 3 under item 4, first sentence should read: J. Sipperly reported that Paul Buckhurst has received information from some members of the commission and the general public. The open space map is being revised for appropriate changes to link areas together and extend the proposed acquisition areas to the property lines in certain areas accordingly.

approved unanimously with J. Beatty and E. Lukens abstaining

Several items were recapped that were discussed in general previously during the informal meeting.

Plaque or citation will be sought for Marie DeRosier who sent a card resigning from the Commission. It was unanimous that she should still receive a courtesy packet of all mailings.

Possibly the Vo-ag students can make signs for open space properties. These could be placed at the trail head of the hiking areas.

Jane Brawerman reported that the Middletown Land Trust booklet is at the printer.

Matt Graves volunteered to map the Tynan Park trail. Mr. Sipperly reported that a base map was developed during a land use study for that park.

Discussion regarding the Plan of Conservation & Development ensued. Possibly we could have an overlay zone of proposed open space acquisition.

Ed Makuch acquisition was discussed.

Motion: To ask the Mayor to lease the land from Ed Makuch.

Moved by J. Beatty, seconded by E. Lukens

Approved unanimously

J. Brawerman reported that a 7 year study of the Mattabaset River will be forthcoming.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Moved by J. Fortuna, seconded by J. Beatty

Approved unanimously