

Conservation Commission
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 10, 2008

Members Present

Sheila Stoane
Jane Brawerman
Katchen Coley
Eric Mosher
Kate Miller
Karen Swartz

Members Absent

Nancy Kiniry
Ellen Lukens
Michael Ennis
Jim Fortuna
Nancy Kiniry
David O'Brien
Steven Ladd
Howard Reid

Others Present

Matt Dodge, Planning Environmental
Specialist

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Sheila Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm

B. Roll Call

The roll was called and a quorum was determined.

C. Public Forum

Grady Faulkner was in attendance to garner Conservation Commission opinion of Army Reserve Training Center location.

Katchen Coley explains Westfield Residents Association's (WRA) stance regarding proposed location. Kate Miller comments on POCD chapter review and that the whole process is unpublicized.

A discussion ensues.

Jane Brawerman - explains that it's designed to preclude public comment.

Kate Miller - stated that going beyond two months for public hearings is reasonable.

Katchen Coley - said that many people will be away in the summer.

K. Miller – it should be held September and October and not limit public comment to specific meetings.

Mr. Faulkner explained that he brought it up at the last meeting and his concerns were similar.

Karen Swartz – asked if there was something the Commission could do?

K. Miller made a motion to write a letter to the Planning and Zoning, Common Council and the Mayor that the current schedule of a Public Hearing is not conducive to public comment and they should be pushed to September and October and comments should not be limited to only those chapters presented. Katchen Coley seconds. Motion approved.

Karen Swartz offered to help with the letter.

Eric Mosher – Sub-Committee should get together next week.

K. Miller – we should follow-up the letter with a phone call.

S. Stoane – will contact Arline Rich to coordinate with WRA and call Bill Warner about this.

Sheila asked if they could put the letter in the Middletown Press and Chronicle.

K. Miller – yes, with Karen's help.

S. Stoane – asked that the letter be sent to her and she would try to have it sent to the Courant.

K. Swartz - asked to be put on the subcommittee. It was agreed that she could join the subcommittee.

K. Miller – Can the open-space subcommittee get a copy of the Open Space Fund printout? Matt Dodge replied that he would have it at the next meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the date of meeting. Wednesday, at 7:00 PM – Open Space subcommittee meeting.

K. Swartz – asked if she could send POCD review to the Downtown Village District? S. Stoane replied that she could. A discussion ensued about a write up of the POCD process on the Middletown Eye website.

D. Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of June 13, 2008 with corrections was moved by Eric Mosher and seconded by Kate Miller. Approved unanimously.

E. Old Business

None

G. Correspondence

None

H. Member Forum

None

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm was moved by Eric Mosher and seconded by Karen Swartz. Unanimously approved.