

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**July 13, 2000**

PRESENT

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

S. Stoane  
E. Lukens  
J. Fortuna  
J. Killian  
L. Tundermann  
K. Humphrey  
J. Brawerman

Call to order

S. Stoane called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room at the Russell Library. The roll was called and a quorum was determined. The tape recorder was checked and stopped recording at this point.

The tape was flipped and the meeting was taped from this point forward.

S. Stoane recommended that the commission examine the present materials for the open space Chapter of the Plan of Conservation and Development (PCD). J. Brawerman recommended sending a letter to the consultant stating that some items are lacking in the plan. A discussion ensued regarding what to include in the letter as far as language is concerned.

S. Stoane also mentioned that the open space chapter and the park and recreation chapter should be separate.

Motion: That the Commission send a letter to Paul Buckhurst regarding the concerns that some information has not been included in the open space chapter.

Moved by L. Tundermann\seconded by J. Brawermann, approved unanimously

S. Stoane stated that regarding the agenda, we will discuss items the Commission would like to cover due to the time constraints.

J. Killian stated that he sketched out a draft of a web page for the Commission.

J. Fortuna reported that P & Z has been discussing the Plan of Conservation and Development prior to their regular meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding when a sub- committee can get together to finish a total review of the plan.

Motion: To set up a meeting for Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Library

Moved by J. Killian\seconded by K. Holden

Approved unanimously

E. Lukens reviewed the Open Space materials that need to be reviewed including the current draft. The maps were copied and sent to Paul Buckhurst.

Old Business

1.) Open Space Brochure

E. Lukens reported that the bill of \$84.12 is still owed to Midstate Planning Agency. J. Sipperly will be contacted to follow up on this.

DEP Open Space Grant

S. Stoane said that she has heard that the grants we submitted for Peterson Oil and Lamentation Mountain have been granted to us. An official statement has not yet been made.

Rockfall Grant

This will have to be tabled for when J. Sipperly can report on this. This is the open space grant for an educational brochure.

E. Lukens stated that the next priority is the trap rock ridges. L. Tundermann questioned about The fall grant round.

Joe Killian asked about the process for a referendum question about bonding open space in November. Much discussion ensued. The referendum process was discussed. The matching amount of (DEP) 65% is 35% (city) is the formula.

Motion: To look into what we need to initiate an open space bond referendum and ask staff to look into this for the November ballot.

Moved by L. Tundermann\seconded by E. Lukens

Approved unanimously

## New Business

J. Brawerman asked about the Mattabasset River Watershed Plan. S. Stoane reported that the Plan has had several drafts and appears to be ok with other city department directors that Jim Sipperly has talked to. Jim Sipperly expects the Council to adopt this soon.

S. Stoane stated that Howard Reed has been appointed to the Commission and L. Tundermann was re-appointed and A. Siniscalchi was not. Discussion ensued about why A. Siniscalchi was not reappointed, and the process for appointment. S. Stoane reported on this process and also stated that she requested that the alternates should be reappointed to fill the vacancies of full members.

Motion: To send a letter from the Commission to the Mayor that A. Siniscalchi be reappointed.

Moved by J. Brawermann\seconded by K. Humphrey

Approved unanimously

## Correspondence

S. Stoane stated that the Amistad will be in Middletown Harbor so please make every effort to attend.

A letter was submitted by Larry Buck and read into the record. This letter was discussed. No response is needed.

A letter was sent to Marcie Klattenburg and Mrs. Loveliss for the donation to the Open Space Preservation Fund.

A letter was also sent to Clay Howe for their donation as well.

A letter regarding the Metacomet Ridge Compact Survey request. Jim Sipperly has answered the questionnaire and will submit this.

J. Brawerman discussed water testing programs with students. E. Lukens will have Jim Sipperly Send information regarding the Chapter 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Motion: To adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Moved by J. Fortuna, seconded by J. Brawerman

Approved unanimously

