

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

November 9, 2000

PRESENT

S. Stoane
E. Lukens
J. Beatty
K. Holden
K. Coley
K. Humphrey
H. Reed
J. Bagley @ 7:19
L. Tundermann @ 7:27
J. Brawerman @ 7:20

ABSENT

M. Graves
E. Blanker
J. Killian
J. Fortuna
E. Holder

OTHERS PRESENT

J. Sipperly, staff
T. Wright, MCC
B. Anderson
WRRD
R. Klattenberg
Councilman

A. Call to Order

S. Stoane, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Board Room at the Russell Library. The roll was called and a quorum was determined. All members in attendance are full voting members tonight.

B. Minutes

Minutes of July 13, 2000
Minutes of September 7, 2000
Minutes of October 17, 2000

Minutes of October 17, 2000 were reviewed.

H. Reid requested that his name be placed in the absent column.

Motion: To approve the minutes as amended

Moved by J. Beatty\seconded by K. Coley

Approved unanimously with H. Reid abstaining

Motion: To defer the set of minutes from July 13th and September 7th.

S. Stoane, Chairperson reminded the Commission members to bring these with them in December.

Moved by J. Beatty\seconded by E. Lukens

Approved unanimously

Mr. Sipperly left the meeting to get information at City Hall for Trenton Wright from the Middlesex Community College for a grant application.

C. Officers and Committee Reports

S. Stoane reported on the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting she attended relative to the Plan of Conservation and Development. S. Stoane also reported briefly on the I-3 Committee.

D. Old Business

1. Open Space Brochure

E. Lukens and S. Stoane explained that the Commission and the Middlesex Community College is seeking grant money to form a partnership to finish the brochure with students. Trenton Wright, grant writer from the college handed out a copy of the grant application earlier in the meeting to Commission members. Grant money from the Rockfall Foundation and an energy company PG & E. A letter of support should go to these applications.

2. Plan of Conservation and Development

Members of the Conservation Commission who are on the subcommittee distributed a list of proposed changes to the Plan of Conservation & Development along with a map showing areas to be expanded for open space acquisition. S. Stoane reported on a meeting with Bill Warner relative to these changes.

Staff was directed to forward this information to the Plan of Conservation and Development Subcommittee, the Planning and Zoning Commission and Paul Buckhurst.

3. DEP Open Space Grant (Fall Round)

Mr. Sipperly passed a map around showing the Pierce and Wesleyan properties. Mr. Sipperly stated that he is working on the grant which is due on November 16th. S. Stoane and E. Lukens are working on several items. Also, Mr. Sipperly reported that up until a month ago the Pierce property was the subject of acquisition and only recently the Wesleyan property was added to the package. A discussion ensued.

Motion: That the Conservation Commission endorse the concept of acquiring both the Pierce property and the Wesleyan property for open space acquisition under the DEP fall grant round.

Moved by J. Beatty\seconded by E. Lukens

Approved unanimously

4. Rockfall Grant - brochure

Mr. Sipperly passed around a draft of the brochure, which he completed with Young's Printing.

Another draft will be completed for review. J. Brawerman suggested adding a definition of a "Build out Analysis."

4. Other

F. New Business

1. General Review of Site Plans

S. Stoane asked staff to bring some miscellaneous site plans for review with the Commission to educate them on how to evaluate and read them. However, Mr. Sipperly left them in his office and this will be done at the next meeting.

2. Fall Hike - Public Education, Higby Reservoir Property

Mr. Sipperly reported that the Commission wanted to get the public more involved in Conservation issues. Mr. Sipperly suggested a hike in the spring but there was not enough time to conduct one.

Guy Russo has agreed to let his property at Higby Reservoir be opened for a guided hike with refreshments. Mr. Russo and Mr. Sipperly will plan to educate the public during the hike with information on open space and the management of the reservoir property and forests.

The Commission set a date for Saturday December 2, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Sipperly will contact Mr. Russo and develop a flyer for distribution.

F. Correspondence

Miscellaneous correspondence was attached to the mail-out.

G. Public Forum

B. Anderson from the WRRD discussed the Plan of Conservation and Development and submitted copies of that recommendation.

R. Klattenberg, thanked the Commission for its great efforts recently for the acquisition of open space.

H. Members Forum

L. Tundermann asked about the management and maintenance of Tynan Park. Much discussion ensued. Mr. Sipperly reported that someone is interested in maintaining the property and fields for the use of horseback riding. Much discussion ensued.

This topic will be listed on the next agenda.

Jane Brawerman passed a notice of the Middlesex Land Trust for acquisition of a parcel in East Hampton. They are trying to raise money for the purchase.

S. Stoane requested that the Planning and Zoning Commission should meet jointly with the Conservation Commission regarding the latest draft of the Plan of Conservation and Development. Discussion ensued.

Motion: To endorse a joint workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission relative to the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Moved by J. Beatty\seconded by L. Tundermann

Approved unanimously

I. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Moved by K. Holden\seconded by J. Beatty

Approved unanimously