



REVISED DRAFT MINUTES
Brookfield Conservation Commission
Brookfield Town Hall Room 119
July 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dew called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and established a quorum of members:

Present: Alice Dew, Chair; S. Landis, Secretary; M. Carmody, M. Murphy, J. Bronn
Absent: R. Blessey, Vice Chair; W. Mercer; R. Manning
Also Present: E. Cole, Recording Secretary

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 06/06/12

M. Carmody noted under current projects that the bill was from Nathan Samuels, and the property was not donated but was purchased by the Town.

M. Carmody made a motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2012 as corrected. S. Landis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 5-0.

3. GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

J. Bronn stated that there was much residential discussion about the proposed location of the Dog Park at Happy Landings.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Minutes of Other Boards & Commissions: 06/07/12, 06/21/12 Planning
The Commission moved to Treasurer's Report.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

a. New Expense Voucher Reporting Form
A. Dew noted that there is a new expense voucher reporting form for the Finance Department. A. Dew reviewed the current budget amount with the Commission.

6. CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:

a. The Nature Center
S. Landis stated that she has a plan from Earth Tones for Chrissy's Garden starting where the evergreens are. The moist area which is full of milkweed and goldenrod will be left untouched. S. Landis noted that the labor for the project in the dry areas will cost around \$2,000.00, and the entire project should cost around \$5,000.00. Earth Tones will mark the stone wall, and the property should be brushhogged one more time before the planting in early Fall. Once the work is done, there will be a plan in place for volunteers. **M. Murphy**

made a motion to accept the Plan of Development from Earth Tones for Chrissy's Garden at the Nature Center. A. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 5-0. S. Landis noted that Matt Jennings will probably come back to do some remaining tree work, and at that time S. Landis will ask him to thin the evergreens. A. Dew noted that George Waltz will complete the brushhogging.

b. Happy Landings

No report.

c. Burr Farms

M. Carmody stated that Jason Sivo is still mowing the property. A. Dew stated that Jason Sivo had given the Girl Scouts some hay for grass seeding at the Gurski Homestead. M. Carmody noted that she has spoken with Jason Sivo about spraying of herbicide and fertilizer, and the spraying will be done soon.

d. Williams/Gurski Open Space

A. Dew noted that Bob Fisher has done the mowing on the property.

e. 18 Junction Road

S. Landis noted that there are many wild raspberries growing along the driveway and across the back. S. Landis suggested that a walk-through be done of the home and the property.

f. Gurski Homestead

A. Dew stated that Jim Spagnolo, who lives in the back house, would like to know if the Conservation Commission would allow him to install a large wading pool in the backyard. A. Dew stated that she believed that the pool would be fine as long as the well water on the property is not used to fill the pool. A. Dew noted that the size of the pool is small enough not to require a permit, and is about six feet by ten feet. S. Landis suggested that the pool could be put on the property with certain stipulations regarding the use of the pool. J. Bronn suggested that a fence around the pool be installed. M. Murphy suggested that the Commission ask Jim Spagnolo to pull a permit for the installation of the pool.

A. Dew made a motion to approve the swimming pool with the stipulation that the fence and pool have to be approved by the Building Inspector. J. Bronn seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 5-0. A. Dew noted that the Town Insurance's company should be consulted to check the liability of the pool.

A. Dew noted that R. Blessey was discussing a Farm Day on the Gurski Homestead. There is a sign on the property that states no public access. A. Dew stated that there are still some signs in front of some of the structures that state no access. S. Landis stated that the sign should be removed.

A. Dew suggested that the Commission think of other activities to have for Farm Day. A. Dew asked that the Commission think of a name for the Farm Day event. The proposed date of the event is September 23, 2012. The Commission discussed the option of naming the event Brookfield Farm Day. J. Bronn asked where attendees will park for the event, and the Commission discussed the possibility of parking at the school and the church.

A. Dew stated that the Commission will be receiving estimates for the front steps at the front farmhouse.

g. Eriksen Farm Open Space

M. Carmody stated that she and R. Blessey need to discuss the property. A. Dew asked M. Carmody to ask Jason Sivo to sign a hold harmless agreement for the use of the barn. A. Dew stated that Jeremy Carlson had done some work on the property, and Dave Cole had dropped some rocks on the property. A. Dew stated that the living room ceiling needs to be re-taped. M. Carmody stated that R. Blessey had stated that part of the roof needs to be replaced. A. Dew stated that the Commission needs a priority list for the home. A. Dew stated that part of the shower and the faucet has been fixed.

- h. Land Acquisition/Inventory – Ferry Farm Property
No report.

M. Carmody made a motion to table the Land Acquisition/Inventory until further notice. S. Landis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 5-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Trail Guides – Maps and Table of Contents

J. Bronn stated that he had asked Planimetrics about the mapping of the properties. J. Bronn suggested that the Commission ask Planimetrics for a quote for mapping of the larger properties listed above on the agenda. A. Dew noted that 18 Junction Road does not need that type of trail map. S. Landis asked if Planimetrics could also include the map of the proposed Greenway in the Trail Guides.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

9. ADJOURN:

M. Carmody made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 PM. S. Landis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 5-0.