



**APPROVED MINUTES**  
*Brookfield Conservation Commission*  
**Brookfield Town Hall Room 119**  
**August 1, 2012**  
**6:00 pm**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman A. Dew called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM and established a quorum of members:

**Present:** A. Dew, Chair; S. Landis, Secretary; R. Blessey, Vice Chair; J. Bronn

**Absent:** W. Mercer, M. Murphy, R. Manning, M. Carmody

**Also Present:** K. Yates; E. Cole, Recording Secretary, W. Waltz, G. Waltz

**2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

R. Blessey noted that there were not enough members present to vote on the minutes from the previous meeting. These minutes will be discussed at the next meeting.

**3. GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE:** No discussion.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

S. Landis noted that there is \$10,145.00 remaining for the balance of the budget.

**6. CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:**

**a. Nature Center** – K. Yates stated that she will do the mailbox, and there will be work done on the linoleum floor in the kitchen. S. Landis asked if some type of wood flooring could be installed instead of the linoleum, and K. Yates stated that there is some type of wood laminate that can be used. R. Blessey stated that wood laminate, similar to the one available at Costco, could be used and laid over the linoleum flooring. K. Yates stated that new windows were installed, but the older storm windows are still on the current windows. K. Yates noted that the older storm windows did not come with the new windows. R. Blessey noted that the new windows have insulated panels, so there is no need for the storm windows.

**b. Happy Landings** – A. Dew noted that the windmill is working and there was a dedication for it.

c. **Burr Farms** – S. Landis noted that M. Carmody had mentioned that there is a field that she would like mowed again because there are so many weeds. S. Landis stated that M. Carmody will get a quote for the extra mowing and submit it to the Commission.

d. **Williams/Gurski** – No report.

e. **18 Junction Road** – S. Landis indicated that she needs to get a dumpster for some of the non-working appliances. A. Dew suggested that the dumpster be put at the Nature Center property, and trash from the other properties be hauled to that location. K. Yates suggested that S. Landis bring the old tub to Shakespeare’s Garden. R. Blessey stated that he will take the fridge, the oil tank, and possibly the tub. A. Dew noted that perhaps a dumpster is not necessary.

f. **Gurski Homestead** – No report.

*J. Bronn entered the meeting room at 6:23 PM.*

g. **Eriksen Farm Open Space** – A. Dew suggested that she get three prices for five spruce trees because she would like to purchase eight foot trees in September. R. Blessey noted that there will probably be a fall sale in the future. **R. Blessey made a motion to authorize A. Dew to purchase trees for the Eriksen Farm Property. S. Landis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 3-0.** R. Blessey mentioned that G. Waltz will be completing the driveway.

## 7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **Trail Guides** – A. Dew indicated that she had met with K. Daniel, Community Development Director of the Land Use Office, about the creation of some of the trail maps to use with the GIS system. A. Dew noted that the program “My Tracks” can be used to layer on the GIS map. A. Dew stated that elevations and contours only can be used for the trail maps. J. Bronn stated that each of these maps can be used to print into a trail guide. J. Bronn noted that he had spoken further with the Planimetrics representative. He stated that he is working with Planimetrics to get a quote for the project. R. Blessey noted that more graphics need to be added to the current example of the GIS map in order to use it. A. Dew responded that other items can be added to the GIS system, and she showed J. Bronn an example of this type of map. J. Bronn stated that the sample from Planimetrics is a map, and the GIS system is a photograph, and A. Dew responded that with the GIS contours other types of layers can be added. R. Blessey stated that he would not be opposed to getting the number from the Planimetrics company. R. Blessey noted that perhaps the current GIS mapping could be used in conjunction with the design that the Commission would like. A. Dew stated that she will ask K. Daniel to create another type of map using a different layer to show to J. Bronn. R. Blessey suggested that some of the maps be sent to a graphic designer.

b. **Farm Fest** – R. Blessey stated that the Commission needs to name the event. R. Blessey noted that this fall festival will have a pie baking contest, a truck show, and a bake sale. Most of the old equipment that runs at the Bridgewater Fair will be there. R. Blessey stated that the most important item is to determine the parking. The Commission reviewed a map of the Gurski Homestead. R. Blessey pointed out the location of the blacksmith shop, the current parking area. The Commission reviewed possible parking locations on the map. R. Blessey noted that he would encourage any tractors or trailers to park on the upper portion of the property. A. Dew

noted that the Girl Scouts can weave on a loom that Mac Dew is planning to construct. S. Landis asked if the Commission will have a tent, and it was noted that there will be some tents. R. Blessey stated that antique machines will also be on display, and the Historical Society will probably do cemetery tours and other tours throughout the property. R. Blessey suggested that the booths be located near the cemetery. R. Blessey noted that he believed it would be beneficial for the Commission to display pictures of what has been done this past year on the property. R. Blessey also indicated that there should be a comment box available for the public to offer their suggestions. J. Bronn asked about advertising, and A. Dew indicated that the schools can be notified, and R. Blessey stated that the Historical Society also does a good job advertising. The Commission discussed the possibility of having animals for the day. A. Dew and R. Blessey agreed to walk the property. The Commission agreed to term the day the Brookfield Farm Fest for September 23, 2012 from 11:00 to 4:00 or possibly 5:00. There will be antique trucks, engines, blacksmithing demonstrations, bake sale, machinery, food, games. S. Landis mentioned that the Garden Club may want to have a booth at the event.

*Wendy and George Waltz entered the meeting room at 7:14 PM.* R. Blessey reviewed the details of the event which the Commission had discussed earlier in the meeting with G. Waltz and W. Waltz. George Waltz and R. Blessey discussed the possibility of using the front of the property for the tractor show. R. Blessey asked S. Landis if she could run the booth for the Garden Club to sell some plants and possibly run a competition of garden items. R. Blessey stated that this event would give the Conservation Commission some exposure to explain what the Conservation Commission does. A. Dew noted that September is a good timing for the event. R. Blessey suggested that J. Bronn be in charge of the Conservation Commission booth. R. Blessey asked if the Commission could set a day to walk the property for the event, and asked that the Commission get together at the Gurski Homestead on Tuesday (08/06) at 6PM to walk, stake and plan. R. Blessey stated that he will ask the other participants to come to the site walk meeting as well. R. Blessey stated that he will work to organize something for the music. A. Dew noted that there should be a special meeting agenda for next Tuesday night.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. America the Beautiful Grant Application** - A. Dew noted that the Commission is applying for the America the Beautiful Grant offered through the Arbor Day Foundation.

**R. Blessey made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 PM; S. Landis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.**