



DRAFT MINUTES
Brookfield Conservation Commission
Brookfield Town Hall Room 119
September 5, 2012
7:00 pm

INFORMAL DISCUSSION – 6:30 PM: M. Dew met with the White Tail Solutions and local hunter groups. No motions were made at this time, and there was no quorum present for the Conservation Commission during this time.

Jason Sivo and Pete Lathrop entered the meeting room at 7:03 PM.

R. Blessey entered the meeting room at 7:05 PM.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Dew called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and established a quorum of members:

Present: A. Dew, Chairman; R. Blessey, Vice Chair; S. Landis,
Secretary/Treasurer, M. Dew

Also Present: J. Sivo, P. Lathrop, E. Cole Prescott, Recording Secretary

2. MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: 07/11/12; 08/01/12

R. Blessey made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings for 07/11/12 and 08/01/12. S. Landis seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, 3-0.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Minutes of Other Boards & Commissions: There was no comment.

3. GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

a. *Jason Sivo was present. Discussion/no motions.*

The Commission moved to item 6, current project reports.

6. CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS

- **Eriksen Farm Open Space** – A. Dew and R. Blessey discussed the driveway and A. Dew and R. Blessey discussed the driveway and the planting of the trees at Eriksen Farm. A. Dew noted that she ordered five spruce trees that will arrive around September 12th, and A. Dew noted that they are eight feet, wrapped in burlap. R. Blessey noted that G. Waltz will do the repairs on the driveway, will put down a base and run the boulders around, and pull up the maple tree. J. Sivo noted that he could help with the tree planting. A. Dew mentioned that M. Carmody and R. Blessey are in

charge of the property. R. Blessey stated that G. Waltz can do the work on the Gurski Homestead, and J. Sivo could do the Eriksen Farm work. The Commission discussed work and contractors for the properties. A. Dew stated that she would like the driveway widened, and R. Blessey asked A. Dew to check the driveway when he paints it. R. Blessey noted that he will talk with G. Waltz about the trees. A. Dew noted that the trees should be planted on the weekend after they are delivered.

- **Nature Center** – A. Dew noted that the garage at the Nature Center can be locked and would be a good storage spot. S. Landis noted that she will be removing the tub, old refrigerator and some more items at the Nature Center. R. Blessey stated that he will pick up the refrigerator and the tub from the garage at the Nature Center. S. Landis noted that the television at 18 Junction Road may also be removed. S. Landis noted that there could be room in that garage for the tenant’s truck in the event of bad weather. S. Landis stated that she will be in touch with R. Blessey. S. Landis noted that Chrissy’s Garden has been planted. S. Landis stated that she can get some estimates for the hill to be cleaned up. S. Landis stated that G. Waltz put a large stone in front of the first trail guide marker, and she needs to put the large plaque into the stone. S. Landis and R. Blessey discussed the installation of the plaque on the stone.
- **Happy Landings** – A. Dew stated that she would like to remove the plexiglass from the kiosk. A. Dew stated that there is currently plastic acrylic in the kiosk. A. Dew noted that she will get a measurement for the glass area. R. Blessey stated that he can cut the plastic glass if necessary for the kiosk.
- **Burr Farms** – S. Landis stated that M. Carmody noted that the signs are up about putting dogs on leashes, and also noted that Don Burr will do the mowing.
- **Williams/Gurski Open Space** – A. Dew stated that there is no report for this agenda item.
- **18 Junction Road** – R. Blessey noted that he will remove some of the items to be scrapped.
- **Gurski Homestead** – A. Dew asked the hunters if they are willing to help with parking. R. Blessey stated that the food is lined up for the event. S. Landis and A. Dew noted that there will be a bake sale. R. Blessey mentioned that the old tractors and engines are lined up. R. Blessey stated that the parking for the day should be sufficient and that a shuttle should probably not be needed. R. Blessey stated that he is not sure about what the turnout of the event will be, and R. Blessey noted that some signs need to be made for the event to put up around town. A. Dew stated that D. DiPinto thinks he has enough orange fencing to put up around the buildings. A. Dew noted that she and M. Dew will fence the area. A. Dew asked if signs for parking are necessary, and R. Blessey stated that if volunteers are helping for the day, signs are not necessary. R. Blessey mentioned that the Commission has a policeman has been reserved for the day. A. Dew stated that she would like to put up the signs that state do not enter the buildings for the event. R. Blessey stated that G. Waltz will do some work at the property before the day of the event. R. Blessey stated that he has the tents on order. A. Dew stated that the White Tail Solutions and local deer hunters can have a booth at the event. R. Blessey asked if the Northwest Conservation District would be interested in coming to event. R. Blessey also noted that the Nature Conservancy could be a good group to have a booth for at the event. S. Landis asked

if anything from the Community Garden will do anything for the day. A. Dew asked if the garden will still be moved, and R. Blessey replied that it will be moved. A. Dew asked M. Dew if the local hunters and the White Tail Solutions members will come to the event. R. Blessey stated that they will need to bring their own table and tent. E. Cole will bring some tables and will contact people about the pie contest for the event.

M. Dew re-entered the meeting room at 7:45 PM.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Dew noted that she bought some smaller items such as fencing for the Commission out of the Gurski budget. S. Landis stated that the work performed by George should be removed from the Conservation Commission budget for the Conservation Commission. A. Dew noted the amount that the Commission has in the account. A. Dew noted that the Parks and Recreation has paid the Commission back for the sunbox event, and she noted that the Arts Commission owes some money for the event as well. A. Dew mentioned that she bought a weedwacker for the Commission to use to clean up around the Commission's buildings.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Trail Guides – No report/no motions.
- b. Farm Fest – September 23, 2012 – S. Landis stated that a survey of what the residents who attend think about the property should be done. A. Dew noted that some history of the property and pictures should be put up at the event.

8. NEW BUSINESS – No new business.

S. Landis made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 PM, and R. Blessey seconded. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0.