



APPROVED MINUTES
Brookfield Conservation Commission
Brookfield Town Hall Room 119
April 3, 2013
6:00 pm

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** A. Dew called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and established a quorum of members:
Present: A. Dew, Chair; R. Blessey, Vice Chair; S. Landis, Secretary & Treasurer; M. Carmody; M. Dew; J. Bronn
Absent: M. Murphy
Also Present: K. Yates
2. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: 03/06/13 – A. Dew made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. M. Carmody seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.**
3. **GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - a. *Mike O’Brian, Susan O’Brian, and Lynn Lyon were present to discuss the Community Garden. R. Blessey reported on the progress of the Garden project. The Commission discussed the location of the proposed shed with M. O’Brian, S. O’Brian and L. Lyon.*
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.
5. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** S. Landis reported the current amount in the budget. The Commission discussed the budget and the house account rental budgets.
6. **CURRENT PROJECT REPORTS:**
 - a. The Nature Center – S. Landis reported that Priority Landscaping will trim back some of the vines on the stone wall. S. Landis also noted that K. Yates and S. Landis would like to plan a Sunday get-together as soon as the weather is better to clean the garage; she also suggested that a sensor light be installed in the garage,, possibly at this time. S. Landis noted that this project could be done sometime in May.
 - b. Happy Landings – M. Murphy – No report at this meeting.
 - c. Burr Farm –M. Carmody noted that Burr Farm is in good condition.
 - d. Williams/Gurski Open Space- M. Dew reported that Williams/Gurski Open Space is also in good condition.
 - e. 18 Junction Road – M. Dew will get an estimate for the work that needs to be completed at the property.

- f. Gurski Homestead –R. Blessey mentioned that there was approximately a foot of water in the basement of the front house about a week ago. R. Blessey noted that this water was right at the bottom of the electrical panel, and the water was coming back into the house as it was being pumped out with the fire truck. R. Blessey stated that he is waiting to get a quote to solve this drainage issue at the house.
- R. Blessey suggested that the Conservation Commission discuss the date of the 2013 Farm Fest. September 22 was discussed as a possible date. R. Blessey asked that the Commissioners keep this event in mind, to have an idea about what could be done differently and/or better.

J. Bronn left the meeting at 6:45 PM.

- g. Eriksen Farm Open Space – M. Carmody stated that she and A. Dew had done a search on Eriksen Farm to get some historical information about the property from the land records. Some of this information could be used for the Trail Guide. M. Dew noted that one of the main priorities should be to get the siding patched, at least for the time-being. M. Dew agreed that he will speak with someone from the Kiwanis Garden on this property.
- h. Deer Management – M. Dew stated that he has no report. He stated that he has tried to be in contact with other hunters to acquire a count of the hunt, but has not yet heard back.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. America the Beautiful Grant: Forest Buffer Creation & Earth Day Planting Celebration at the Gurski Homestead (*Sunday, April 21, 2013*) – A. Dew noted that the time for this project is from 1 to 3 PM on April 21, 2013. A. Dew stated that there will be seedlings to give away to residents at this event.
- b. Community Garden Discussion – No discussion at this time.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Trail Day: Nature Walk at Williams Park will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2013. A. Dew noted that the bluebird house kits will be distributed at this event. *The Commission agreed to add the Farmers Market Discussion to New Business.*
- b. Farmers Market – The Commission discussed the Farmers' Market.

9. ADJOURN: R. Blessey made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 PM. A. Dew seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

****Please contact Stephanie Landis: 203-775-4545 if you cannot attend the Meeting****

****Next regular meeting scheduled for May 1, 2013****