

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Monday July 13, 2009
Trumbull Nature and Arts Center
7115 Main Street, Trumbull
7:00 pm

Agenda: Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm
Public Comments or Discussions – 15 Minutes
Acceptance of June Minutes
Chairman’s Announcements
Treasurer’s Report
501c3 “Friends of Group”
Program Updates
Membership Drive
Website
Property & Building
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Attending: Kevin Malone, Paul Buttress, Frank Grazynski, Mike Paoletto, Ruth Mohr, Tim Dolan, Pam Georgas, Meg Barnes – Clerk was absent – Meg recorded the minutes.

Public Comments: - Ms. Sotora Montanari from the Garbage Museum in Stratford. She showed a short film about the museum and their goals. Described the mission of the garbage museum and asked for help and a connection with the Nature Center. They did receive an IRS designation which makes them a charitable organization. Can do an outreach program at the center -\$50 for 50 kids

Meg moved to accept June Minutes – Frank seconded.

Pam presented the possibility that Sun products is considering donating a Green Playground to be placed in a location in Trumbull. The TNAC is being considered. A motion was made by Kevin and seconded by Frank to accept the playground, should it be offered to TNAC. Vote. All in favor.

Paul made the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Frank seconded.

Discussed the 501c3 options. Talked about setting up an LLC that handles fundraisers and significant donations. Discussed the possibility of a hybrid organization. Still have a commission and also have an LLC.

Frank made the motion to proceed with the 501c3 status and create an LLC. Paul seconded.

Sunflower Festival – Helen is on top of and handling

Halloween – Ray is sending out a letter about the event – Date will be October 30th. Little kids earlier in the evening and after 8:30 are for adults.

Green Drinks – Frank discussed starting the Green Drinks business networking group in the fall.

Easton Leadership Program from the Easton Parks Department – Thursday 7/16/09
Kevin will be coordinating the program.

Letterboxing – Paul said he would have a report next time. Discussed building birdhouses to be the letterboxes, the stamps will be kept in a plastic bag inside the box. They will try to find bluebird houses that can be built on July 30th for the letterboxing.

Pam discussed programs going forward. She received an estimate from an environmental consultant, to design 12 custom nature/environment programs specifically for the Nature Center. The price quoted was \$5,000.00 and could be paid in installments.
Paul moved to hire the consultant for 12 programs. Kevin seconded the motion.

Website – Kevin to talk to the website guy and get flyer changed.

Old Business – John DeVecchio said if we bought the windows he would get them installed. He gave Pam an Andersen catalog so we could choose.

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