

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Monday April 12, 2010
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
7115 Main Street, Trumbull
7:00 pm.

Agenda: Call Meeting to Order
Public Comments or Discussions 15 Minutes
Chairman's Announcements Pam Georgas
TNAC Development Plans
Acceptance of March minutes
Acceptance of March Treasurer's report Meg Barnes
2010 Grant Applications
Website and media
Old Business / New Business
Adjournment

Attending: Commission Chairman Pam Georgas, Treasurer Meg Barnes, Kevin Malone,
Mike Paoletto, Paul Buttress, Frank Grazynski, Ruth Mohr, Ray Jarczewski, guests Dmitri
Paris and Mitchell Lewis

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm.

Public Comments - 15 Minutes - None

Chairman's Announcements

The Administration has made a proposal to move the Nature Center. The rationale behind it is as follows:

- the existing property would be sold, and a percentage of the sales would go towards building a new Nature Center facility on existing Town park property,
- the Ranger Station property would be sold as well, and the Ranger facilities would be consolidated into the new Nature Center building,
- the existing TNAC property would then provide tax income to the town,
- the remainder of the property sales money could then go to other projects that are needed in the Town.

TNAC will continue growth and operations on the existing property, until which time the new facility is built and in move-in condition. At no point in time will the TNAC be without a facility.

Dmitri Paris presented his research for the proposed site location in Beech's Park. The Commission thanked Dmitri for his time and recommendations.

A discussion followed with Commissioners giving their views both pro and con for the proposal. Frank made a motion in favor of the proposal, to work with the Administration on exploring the move to Beaches as a viable option. Meg seconded the motion and a vote was called for. The motion passed with a 5-1 vote.

Minutes were approved as presented. Meg moved on the motion and Frank seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was approved as reported. Frank moved on the motion and Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2010 Grant applications

Pam gave an update on the Neighborhood Assistance Grant grant applications for a pavilion and solar monitoring system.

Website and media

Mitchell and Kevin gave an update on the Website. Mitchell also informed the Commission that the Trumbull Nature and Arts Center is now on Facebook.

Betty Merritt is contacting our local educational TV stations with the Center's events and programs.

Old Business

Mike informed the Commission of the successful Bee Keeper Program. Paul said the Pancake Breakfast went well and everyone enjoyed the annual event. Meg discussed the growing interest in our programs.

New Business - none

There being no further business, Meg moved to adjourn the meeting and Mike seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes recorded and reported by Bonnie Lindsay, clerk

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