

TRUMBULL NATURE COMMISSION

Monday September 13, 2010
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
7115 Main Street, Trumbull
7:00 pm.

Agenda: Call Meeting to Order
Public Comments or Discussions 15 Minutes
Acceptance of June, July and August Minutes
Acceptance of June, July and August Treasurer's reports
TNAC Development Plans

- TNAC Parks Consideration Document
- Grants
- 3-year Marketing and PR Plan
- Fundraisers and Membership
- Website and media

Fall Programs and Events

- Corporate Community Impact Day Update
- Fall/Winter Programs
- Scout Programs
- School Programs

Old Business / New Business
Adjournment

Attending: Commission Chairman Pam Georgas, Treasurer Meg Barnes, Frank
Grazynski, and Kevin Malone, Mike Paoletto, Ruth Mohr, guest Julie
Jenkins and Don Watson from the Conservation Commission and Mitchell Lewis.

Commissioners Paul Buttress absent with excuse
Commissioner Ray Jaraszewski absent without excuse

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm.

Public Comments Julie and Don attended the meeting to perform due diligence for their Commission. The Conservation Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the town's regulatory land use boards, as well as makes recommendations regarding open-space, watershed plans, and natural resource preservation.

Minutes from June, July, and August were approved as presented. Frank moved on the motion to approve the June minutes and Kevin seconded the motion. Meg moved on the motion to approve the July minutes and Mike seconded the motion. Meg moved on the motion to approve the August minutes and Ruthie seconded the motion. All motions passed.

Treasurer's Reports from June, July, and August were approved as presented. Frank moved on the motion to approve the June report and Ruthie seconded the motion. Frank moved on the motion to approve the July report and Mike seconded the motion. Mike moved on the motion to approve the August minutes and Ruthie seconded the motion. All motions passed.

TNAC development plans

- TNAC Parks Consideration Document

Frank presented the document for the Commission's review. The document has not been completed. There were some questions and discussion on the categories and scoring of the Town's parks. The Commission recognized the merit of the approach taken to produce the report and thanked the commissioners for their hard work. Twin Brooks was the top park with Beech Memorial Park second.

Don commented on the report and also believed the document was a valuable tool for determining a home for the Nature Center. He also added some advice for going forward and said he could be contacted for future questions.

Frank explained that this report does not cover a feasibility study or traffic study. The Town would need to do the traffic study, but the firm of Antinozzi Associates has offered to do a feasibility study and sketches for the park selected.

Kevin moved on a motion to have Antinozzi Associates do a feasibility study and sketches for the top choice, Twin Brooks Park, named in the TNAC Parks Consideration Document. Mike seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- Grant applications

Pam informed the Commission that Kris Sisbarro is putting together a list of grant sources. She is also looking into grants to help with running programs and printing expenses.

- 3-year Marketing / PR Plans

Pam will be meeting with our volunteer Marketing professional to expand the 3-year marketing plans to include the benefits of a new center with expanded programs for school field trips and scouts.

- Fundraisers and Memberships

There was a discussion concerning having a fundraiser in early June 2011 at Twin Brooks Park. The concept would be to hire caterers and have blue grass music. Pam will get additional information by the next meeting.

- Website and media

Mitchell presented several problems with the website. A discussion took place of possible remedies.

Fall Programs & Events

- Corporate Community Impact Day

United Way is working on signing up volunteers for the Impact Day in October.

- Fall/Winter Programs

The flyers with the Fall 2010/Winter 2011 programs and events have gone out to the libraries and schools. Pam commented that some of the schools accept the flyers online. This delivery system will save us on the costs of printing.

- Scout Programs

There will be a committee meeting in September to discuss programs for scout badge requirements. We have been receiving many scout inquiries for assistance with badges.

- School Programs

Pam discussed the possibility of meeting with school officials about having TNAC Field Trips included in the School curriculum.

Old Business - none

New Business

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes recorded and reported by Bonnie Lindsay, clerk