

Trumbull Nature Commission Virtual Meeting
Monday, September 14, 2020
7:00 pm

Agenda

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Approve Minutes (June 2020)

TNAC Q&A:

1. Commission Questions/Comments regarding written Director Report

Old Business:

1. TNAC Grounds Reopened
2. Internet Set-up
3. Property Improvements-Flashing
 - a. Flashing, reach out to George Estrada
 - b. Garage Door Fixed
4. Weeding & Grounds Clean-up by High School & Boy Scout Volunteers

New Business:

1. Upcoming Programs:
 - a. September 26, Sunflower Seed Harvest (applying Social Distance, see Director's Report)
 - b. October, Native American Story Telling
 - c. November, Wreath Making

Adjournment

Virtual Sign In:

Trumbull Nature and Arts Commission Regular Meeting

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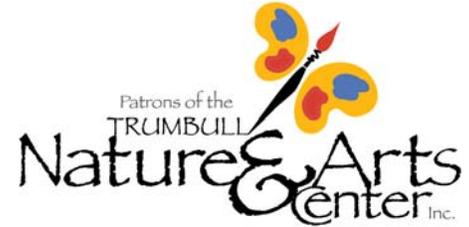
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Patrons of the Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

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Subject: Report to Nature Commission: September 2020

TNAC Building and Grounds:

- The grounds are open
- Sunflower garden – has been planted and is being maintained by volunteers
- Butterfly garden
 - o Weeding and mulching to be done by small groups of youth volunteers:
 - Trumbull Biology Club on September 12
 - Monroe Boy Scout Troop on September 13
 - This is part of an Eagle Scout project which includes a Little Free Library
 - o The Little Free Library should be installed before the end of the year
 - o Flashing at back of building
 - o The missing roof edging has not yet been repaired
- Wifi
 - o The Patrons of TNAC purchased a Google Nest system to extend the range of the wifi
 - o The wifi was installed on September 2
- Second bathroom
 - o Water was poured down shower drain to mitigate smell backup from the septic system

Field Trips, In-School Visits and Programs:

- All in-person visits are on hold due to schools not permitting field trips or in-school visitors

Virtual Environmental Education:

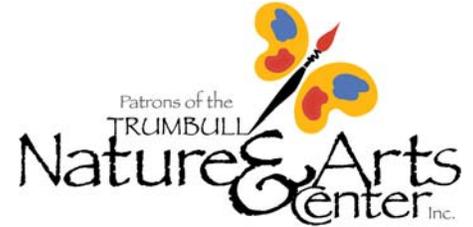
- The Patrons are developing programs that can be done via online learning during the school day
 - o Current programs are being adapted
- The Patrons were asked to develop an afterschool program for Middlebrook School
 - o If moving forward, there would be 6 weekly sessions
 - o If successful, they may be offered to additional Trumbull elementary schools
- Over the summer, additional videos were created and posted to the TNAC website
 - o Mark Ceneri: Aquatic Invertebrates
 - o Trumbull Biology Club:
 - Let's Learn About Lettuce, Edible Flowers, Leaf Activity and Craft, Chlorophyll Craft and Science Experiment, and Lima Bean Exploration
 - o Patrons student board member Sarah Dawson:
 - Water quality experiments

Fundraising

- The Patrons were awarded a \$10,000 grant from Henkel, and are awaiting payment
 - o Funds are earmarked for:
 - Discovering Hidden Nature program
 - Scholarship-funded field trips for students from underserved communities
 - Supplies for a possible Henkel volunteer day

New TNAC Website:

- A new website has been designed on the Wix platform ○ The transition from the previous web host is in process, and the new website should be live soon



Programs:

- A Sunflower Seed Harvest program is being planned for Saturday, September 26th ○ There will be 3 sessions
 - Enrollment is limited to 5 families of up to 5 people per session ○ The program will be held entirely outside ○ Program to be led by Mark Ceneri ○ Activities will include:
 - Each family will cut its own sunflower head
 - Mark will instruct the families on how to remove the sunflower seeds, and roast them
 - Families will be given a dwarf sunflower plant
 - There will be a sunflower craft for children ○ The Patrons are hoping to hold a Native American Storytelling program in October and a Wreath Making Program in November

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