

Trumbull Nature Commission
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
7:00 pm
Trumbull Nature & Arts Center
7115 Main Street, Trumbull, CT 06611

Agenda

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Approve Minutes (September 2020)

TNAC Q&A:

1. Commission Questions/Comments regarding written Director Report

Old Business:

1. TNAC Grounds Remain open
2. Property Improvements-Flashing

New Business:

1. Retaining walls/basement walls
2. Planning programs, conditional on Covid & weather

Adjournment

Virtual Sign In:

Trumbull Nature and Arts Commission Regular Meeting

Dec 15, 2020 7:00 PM

Join the meeting

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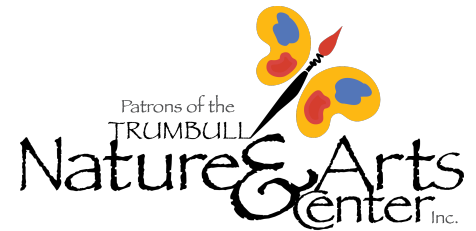
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Patrons of the Trumbull Nature & Arts Center

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Subject: Report to Nature Commission: December 2020

TNAC Building and Grounds:

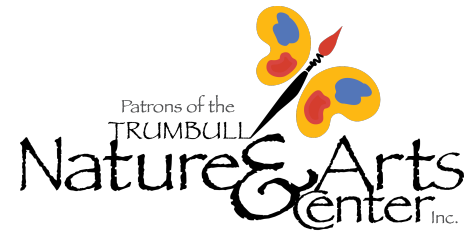
- Sunflower garden
 - o Amazon volunteers cut down dead sunflowers
 - Garden will need to be completely cleaned out in spring
- Leaves under maple tree
 - o Raked/blown by Amazon and TNAC volunteers on November 10th
- Butterfly garden
 - o Two Little Free Libraries were installed on October 10th
- Flashing at back of building
 - o The missing roof edging has not yet been repaired
- Retaining Walls by basement
 - o Town was notified, no action has been taken
- Chalkboard
 - o Was removed by Henkel volunteers on October 19th
 - Sam Cohen, Eagle Scout candidate, may do replacement project, as well as landscaping of the surrounding area
 - Tentative installation date: June 2021
- Sandbox and Herb Garden
 - o Herb garden was removed, and sandbox was deconstructed by Henkel volunteers on October 19th
 - Hoping Henkel builds new sandbox in spring 2021
- Sensory Garden
 - o Was weeded by Henkel volunteers, Pam, and Kevin on October 19th
 - o Plans are for refurbishment in spring 2021
- Hoses and outside water
 - o Hoses were brought in and water turned off on November 10th

Upcoming 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
- Planning is in process for winter and spring 2021 programs
- Date being held for a 2-session Scouts' animal tracking program in January

Programs Held:

- Sunflower Seed Harvest program was held on September 26th
 - o Three sessions were held
 - Program was held entirely outside
 - Guests were socially distanced from each other and were required to wear masks
- Wreath-making program was held on November 21st
 - o One session was held
 - Program was held entirely outside
 - Each family was at its own table



- Trumbull Times printed press release
- Cub Scouts In the Wild program
- Program was held outside
 - There were 6 attendees

Virtual Environmental Education:

- The Trumbull Students Biology Club created a video on the biology and history of corn
 - Video was posted to TNAC's website and Facebook page

Volunteers

- All volunteer activities were held outside
 - Members of the Trumbull Students Biology Club volunteered on September 12th
 - Henkel employees volunteered on October 19th
 - Amazon employees volunteered on November 10th
 - Majority of time was spent raking the leaves under the front maple tree
 - Very helpful, as it cleared the area for the wreath-making program
 - Trumbull Times printed press release
 - Little Free Libraries project
 - Julian Zeppetello, BSA Troop 62, installed two Little Free Libraries at the entrance to the butterfly garden
 - Troop members cleared the overgrowth in the garden
 - Pam Roman solicited book donations with a nature theme from Penguin Random House
 - There is one library for children, and one for adults
 - Both libraries have official plaques and are registered with littlefreelibraries.com
 - Registration and plaques were paid for by the Zeppetello family
 - The Trumbull Times published a holiday feature article on the project
 - Eagle Scouts Projects:
 - Possible chalkboard replacement project, with June 2021 installation date
 - Possible carpenter bee houses installation project, to be constructed over the winter and installed in spring 2021

Fundraising

- Mallett Foundation
 - The Patrons received a \$2,500 donation from the Mallett Foundation
- Stop & Shop
 - The Patrons were named Stop & Shop's nonprofit organization for June 2020
 - Received \$47

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