

Trumbull Nature Commission Virtual Meeting  
Tuesday, June 15, 2021  
7:30 pm

**Present:** Chairman Emily Shufrin, Commissioners Jack Boynton and Helen Nordvall

Also Present: Sheryl Baumann and Kevin Malone from TNAC

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mrs. Shufrin followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Past Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. Boynton to approve the minutes of March 16, 2020 as written. Seconded by Mrs. Shufrin and approved with one abstention from Mrs. Nordvall.

**TNAC Q&A**

Mrs. Baumann noted that she sent emails to Mr. Estrada and Mr. Paris regarding the building and grounds, specifically the retaining wall and the roof, as mentioned in the March minutes. She has not heard from them as of this date. The Scholarship Field Trips will begin in July and she would like to have a meeting before there are children on site for the summer programs to resolve these concerns. Mrs. Shufrin will reach out to both parties regarding a meeting.

**Old Business**

1. Parks and Rec Contact Update - Mrs. Shufrin noted that Jeffrey Kunkel has stepped down from the Commission after many years of service. She reached out to the Parks Department and Police Department to change the first contact information to her for any problems on the property.
2. Assignment of a New Vice-Chair – at this time, no Vice Chair was elected.

**New Business**

1. Identify New Nature Commissioners - - Mrs. Shufrin is looking for new members for the Commission. Mrs. Nordvall has reached out to a few individuals to see if there is any interest. She noted that even though the TNAC is geared towards school-aged children, there might be interest within the senior population with regard to their experience and willingness to expand their horizons as well as availability.
2. Update on Building and Grounds – Mrs. Shufrin noted the projects are on hold until they are able to meet with the appropriate Town departments. They need to walk the property and develop a plan moving forward.
3. Good Will has been volunteering the last two weeks at the Center and will continue to volunteer two hours a week going forward in the gardens.

4. The Commission is looking forward to meeting in person in the fall as it will be easier when they are able to visualize the topics being discussed on the property.
5. Ruth Mohr, a former Commissioner and member of the Long Hill Garden Club, passed away recently. The TNAC has received over \$1,000 from donations in her memory which have been earmarked for the Butterfly Garden. The garden is being updated with plant markers and information on the kiosk regarding what is planted in the garden.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Boynton to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Nordvall and approved unanimously. The next Commission meeting will be on September 21, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall  
Clerk