

## CCAC Meeting. - February 8, 2024

Present: Bob Altieri, Casey Diederich, Ron Walkowiak, Chip Biegner, Cheryl Cantlon, Steve Diver, Joel Radder, Dennis Londos, Barb Maisch, Peg Walker

Visitor: Laurie Sauls

Meeting start at 6:55 pm

Casey introduced himself. Clarence native

Cheryl handed out financial report and discussed.

Website - All meeting dates are posted and where they will be held. Trying to minimize work for Carolyn Dorr (admin for supervisor)

Facebook page is Clarence Nature Center. Headlamp hike helped boost some numbers to followers.

Dennis - So far have total 70 deer. Geese population: oiling eggs, putting up fences (too much area to cover) Town will help toward the end of March.

Large Tree Survey: Ron and Barb are putting together an article for the Bee. Program to start sometime in March and run through October. They will be working with Andrew in the planning department. There will be an e-mail and phone number for people to call for information. They will develop a flyer which will go in the Bee before Arbor Day.

Barb - Logo. Barb purchased a graphics design program called Adobe Illustrator and is in beginning stages of navigating.

Steve: Zeb and Osman want to be involved in another mass tree planting similar to last year.

Where to put 500 seedlings? Large rectangular area about an acre in size behind the baseball diamond on Thompson Road. Near where the old house is. They will be spread out. It will be visible from Thompson Road. Jim Burkhardt has approved. Shrubs will also be used. Ron and Casey will give input as to what trees/shrubs to use.

Tentative planting for April 20th.

Arbor Day festivities: April 27th - west side of nature center property, by the pines that was cleared out which may be refreshed.

Bluebird presentation by Sharon

Nate Morray - may do tree presentation

Tables: youth bureau did pine cone bird feeders

Trees to give away will be Red Bud (for small yards) and White Pine. Steve will order 200 trees: Red bud for small yards and White Pine.

Activities for the open house: Tabling, speakers, tree give away, talking about putting in one or two more blue bird houses. Community service based projects - maybe boycotts or youth bureau who need service hours for honor society - invite those groups to come out.

Fence is gone. The chain link has been saved for future use by the CCAC.

Steve and Cheryl did the perimeter trail and marked trees that need to be removed. All of them have been removed.

Eagle project is finished. Trial maps are for out for Beeman and Nature center. Working on the eastern portion.

Adopt a highway - maybe we can do Wherle - Peg will reach out to Aroyo guy to see if any sections have become available.

Need more display cases or mounts for the nature center.

New Business: Jim Burkhardt - took down fence and cleaned up trees marked for clearing. He is agreeable to using a wildflower mix at the intersections of bike path and road - low maintenance.

Beeman Park - there is a perimeter trail. Would like to reinvigorate the perimeter trail - work for scouts

Steve and Cheryl gave a power point presentation for Pat Casilio to show them showed the CCAC's yearly actives as well as suggested projects. Pat very supportive of efforts.

Pat would like us to have a way to advertise the green space. Also would like to have a boat launch.

Pat also pledged two college internships that can be directed and used as labor. He would like to add trail miles.

Cheryl brought up the boot brush application for Thompson Road - why not?

Project Ideas - pick one and go at it!

Winter hike - Evan hike was success. Next one is March 2 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Nature center to Thompson Road Park.

Will buy 3 tables for tabling

Display case at the library - squirrel - Cheryl put in a tree twig thing for winterfest.

Purchase more granola bars for winter hike.

NEXT MEETING: March 14, 2024

