

Clarence Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2024 @ the Kathy Hallock Room 7PM

Meeting called to order by Steve Diver at 7:01pm.

In attendance: Steve Diver, Chick Bigner, Lori Sauls, Dennis Londos, Bob Geiger, Casey Diederich, Barbara Maisch, Ron Walkowiak, Bob Altieri and Paul Shear.

Absent: Cheryl Cantion, Joel Radder. No visitors today.

Minutes from 12 September meeting: Minutes accepted by all.

Financial Report

Lori Sauls;

- To date, we have \$519.98 remaining in this years budget (includes \$202 for decals).
- Committee approved to spend the following for the upcoming headlamp hike. Motion made by Steve, seconded by Ron, all approved.
4 gallons of cider and donut holes - \$75 to \$100 (Ron and his wife to man the table).
3 bags of Candy - \$50
Also purchase nut free Candy
- Balance in 2024 then amounts to \$213.87.
- 2025 Budget Discussion;
Steve is working with Casey to obtain exact price for trail marker signs. Once obtained, Steve will contact Bob A. with committees proposed budget for 2025 for Town Board approval. ***Action** Required prior to 22 October for Town Board meeting.

Updates;

- Councilman Bob Altieri; No updates at this time.
- Councilman Paul Shear; No updates at this time.

Old Business

- Dennis Londos; Updated committee about deer abatement program. Contracts being discussed with landowners. Plan to start crossbow season in November. Many more deer out there. Less hunters, and deer are not moving. Target to take 150 to 160 this year. We should be taking about 200 like they do in Amherst.
- Casey Diederich; Mill Pond Survey update. Decided to wait until 2025 to submit proposal. This will give us more time to get in front of the town board to discuss this issue.
- Steve Diver;
 - Interactive trail option. Girl Scouts are too young. Steve is looking for group to partner with.
 - Blue Bird boxes – Boxes installed back in April appear to be successful.
 - Headlight Hike on Saturday 26 October. Organized by Evan Vahratian. Set up at 4:30 pm. Times 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Camp Fire was suggested. ***Action** Bob and Paul will check with Town Board for approval. Steve reviewed how

cars will be parked and how hikes will take place. ***Action** Steve will ask Jason Holden to request that grass be cut around the Nature Center

- Barb and Ron; Tree Survey update. Ron provided list of his tree survey. Barb mentioned that there will be 2 more articles in the Bee, which is the last of our 6 articles. Plan to have future monthly articles in the Bee on perennials, flowers, shrubs, etc.
- Barb; Sweatshirt update. 3 styles to choose from; Hooded for \$18, Crew Nick for \$14 and \$26 for Quarter Zip. Committee agreed that all will be grey and conservation logo will be placed on sweatshirts. ***Action** All members need to email Barb to let her know what size and style you want.
Paul suggested that price per person can be reduced once we determine how much money is left in our 2024 budget.

New Business

- 1.) Possible Speakers for 2025 – Wild Spirit Education and Dave O'Donnell Eastern Monarch Butterfly Farm. ***Action** Barb will ask if Wild Spirit does a presentation.
- 2.) Steve asked if it will be possible add spray paint markers from Transit to Salt Roads? ***Action** Bob and Paul to ask Jamie and Jason.
- 3.) Steve mentioned that there is no crosswalk on Goodrich from the Arboretum to the entranceway into Spaulding Green. Future discussion.
- 4.) Future 500 tree seedling planning sites for Zeb Memon and Osman Farooq and their volunteer group. Property on Old Goodrich across from the library and land behind the towns highway garage.
- 5.) Steve wants to form a bike path trail committee. Possible sub-committee from Conservation? Let Steve know if you are interested.

Next meeting will be on 14 November at 7:00 pm at the Kathy Hallock Room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.