

Clarence Conservation Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2024 @ the Clarence Nature Center 7PM

Meeting called to order by Cheryl Cantlon

In attendance: Cheryl Cantlon, Chick Biegner, Barbara Maish, Joel Radder, Ron Walkowiak, Lori Sauls, Bob Geiger, Paul Shear and Bob Altieri. No visitors today.

Minutes from May: no corrections, were adopted.

Financial Report

Cheryl gave an update \$846.57 remaining for the year. With some larger programming already complete this should be plenty of budget for the remainder of the year.

Lori Sauls offered to take over the treasury reporting. C. Cantlon will hand over reports

Bob Altieri: Trying to get Jaime Dussing and Jason Holden to attend some of our meetings

Paul Shear: Provided large map of town owned and green space properties

Website

No update but did discuss the changing of the name of the Facebook account to Clarence Conservation Advisory Council. C Cantlon will look into how to change or amend the account name

C. Cantlon to post a questionnaire on Facebook page asking for education topics

Tree Survey Program

Currently have 15 applications and are beginning to physical surveys. Asked for \$35 to print posters to promote the Tree Survey. Motion and approved

Joel Radder spoke about having the SPCA wildlife rehabilitator attend a meeting and talk about potential release program at the Nature Center or Beeman Creek.

Lori Sauls discussed Scout program to build benches and owl boxes

Beeman Creek Raptor Platforms

Had meeting with town and discussed possible locations and poles/tree tops for platform locations, will continue with follow up meetings.

Tonawanda Creek Kayak Access Project: No updates

Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper – Town Park Mill Pond

Discussion around potential grants and interest from town to move forward on the project. Councilman Altieri will follow up with the town board.

Other Project Updates

Cheryl noted that where the Council recently planted trees off of Thompson Road there is an area of shrubs that was planted that needs to be card boarded and mulched. Lori will look into whether

or not this can be done by the local Boy Scouts as a project. On going, and needs to finalize with Parks department.

Charles Biegner offered to create Tree ID Signs for the tree seedling areas

New Business

Discussion on reaching out to Zeb and Osman Farooq about returning in the fall for maintenance of the tree seedling planting areas. They had expressed interest in coming back in the fall and doing something in the area

Jaime Dussing Highway Superintendent informed us that we can utilize the Erie County Sign Dept. if needed

C. Cantlon presented information on predesign tree labels from Voss Inc. Will come up with list and number of signs needed, and create a purchase proposal

C. Cantlon presented the Grid Grid for stabilizing the wet area of the Nature center Hiking Trails. Group decided to purchase 1 4x27 foot section as a demonstrate of feasibility. Cost ~\$50 Motion and passed.

Asked for 2025 proposals

Next Meeting will be on Aug. 8th at the Nature Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM