

**Minutes of Conservation Advisory Council,
10 April 2025 Meeting in the Kathy Hallock Conference Room**

Steve Diver called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Pledge to the Flag

Present: Steve Diver, Chick Biegner, Ron Walkowiak, Barbara Maisch, Dennis Londos, Paul Shear, Bob Geiger, Lori Sauls, Bob Altieri

Absent: Joel Radder, Casey Diederich

Financial Report: Lori provided the committee with updated budget numbers for 2025.

Balance to Date: \$2,060.94

Expenses for the Month: \$460.75

YTD Expenses: \$689.06

Paul will review with Cheryl how much committee plans to spend on stakes and sleeves.

Bob Altieri updates:

In preparation for the 26 April Arbor Day event, we walked the tree planting area at the town highway department on Goodrich Road with Jamie Dussing, Rich McNamara (snowmobile club), Paul, Ron, Cheryl and Bob.

Paul Shear updates:

Paul expressed his concern with having the tree planting event the same day as the Arbor Day event, at two different locations. The Nature Center for the Arbor Day event and the town highway department for the tree planting. Steve mentioned that the Farooq family is running the tree planting and the Conservation committee is running the Arbor Day event and we will try to make sure that this does not happen again next year.

Paul let us know that he contacted Lavocats to obtain the stakes and that was not successful. He suggested that we should purchase at least 1,000 stakes and sleeves for this event and future planting events. He will work with the town to see if they can pick up the freight charge.

Dennis Londos - Deer Abatement program update;

Program has taken 173 deer so far this year.

Just one member has taken 82 deer. The town pays \$50 for each deer tag.

We need to concentrate on going into the Roll Road area in the future.

The towns purchase of the Oak Savannah property off of Boncrest has really helped to control the deer population in that area.

Mill Pond Survey update;

Steve provided the following update in Casey's absence. Casey, Steve and Bob met with Tim Lavocat and Jonathan Bleuer on 18 March to discuss the possible grant thru the Beatrice M. Fisher Fund and Riverkeepers. Based on this discussion the following was discussed and decided;

- Concerns about the amount of silt in the pond.
- How deep is the pond? Is there a problem? Where does the bottom rock start?
- The town is concerned with going past the point of no return.
- Initial funding is for the grant only, we will not be “married to Riverkeepers”.
- The grant is due mid September 2025.
- Casey will talk to Riverkeepers about the initial assessment and will report back to Bob to review with the Town Board.

Bee Contributions update;

- Barb and Cheryl will place their articles into the Bee once a month thru September.
- Barb and Ron will have their tree survey article in the Bee before Arbor Day.

Old Business

Arbor Day Event;

Friday, 25 April – place trees into the bags at the Nature Center.

Saturday, 26 April – Nature Center open house from 10 am to 1 pm.

The Saturday event will include presentations, hikes, tree identification, tree giveaway, wood duck box assembly. Will the Rotary and Lions groups be interested in being part of this event?

New Business

1. Trail Markers – The 5” markers have arrived. Committee is now interested in ordering 3” markers in 5 different colors; red, green, blue, yellow and orange. Price is 25 pieces at \$19.84.
A date will need to be picked to hang the markers on the trails.

2. Skull Educational materials – Steve will review with Cheryl to determine what is actually needed for the Nature Center. Price of the skulls is a concern.

3. Steve presented the group with his new proposed name for our committees
Volunteer Groups;

Friends of Clarence Conservation

or

Clarence Conservation Corps

The committee selected “Friends of Clarence Conservation”

4. The Code of Conduct was reviewed and approved with addition of the Friends of Clarence Conservation name.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:30 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for 08 May at 7:00 PM in the Nature Center.

