

Minutes of Conservation Advisory Council

9 October 2025 Meeting at Clarence Town Hall Kathy Hallock 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, Paul Shear, Lori Sauls, Joel Radder, Bob Geiger, Cheryl Cantlon

Met prior to the meeting at the Arboretum for a walk around and informational session with Ron W.

Absent: Robert Alteiri

Visitor: Owen Shifflet & Guest

Updates

Financial Report:

- Lori provided the committee with updated budget numbers for 2025.
 - o Total 2025 Budget: \$2,750.00
 - o Expenses for the Month: \$1163.47 supplies and equipment for the Halloween Hike
 - o Expenses amended for the Town picking up the \$125 cost of the light rental
 - o Remaining balance \$419.48 (plus the \$125 rental removed cost)
 - o Expected future cost: batteries and additional string lights, raptor platform screws ~\$
- Discussion followed around the actual remaining budget, Paul and Lori will work to get a final number for next month's meeting

Paul Shear Updates:

- The Town has provided a \$3500 2026 budget for the Clarence Conservation Advisory Council
- Town board has approved the installation of gutters and leaf guard for the Nature Center Building Cost: \$3600, Install is to be done by Switala

Update on The Eagle Scout Project: Carter Leech will be installing bats boxes and repairing benches on the circular trail along with the installation of a bench at the overlook.

Bee articles update from Barb and Cheryl;

- Last article was written may do some in the spring

Old Business

Mill Pond Survey update:

No new activity

Raptor Platforms at Beeman Creek:

- Completed and installed big thank you to the Town Parks and Highway department.

Owl Presentation:

- The presentation went over well there we ~40 participants.

Lot Improvement Ideas (Town Site between Big Sings and Bocce Pizza)

- Plans were deferred, due to snowmobile traffic and suggested mowing would best suit this area until a viable plan determined.

Trail Marking at the Nature Center

- Cassie lowered the and placed more placards.
- Steve will order additional marker and complete the trail marking at the Nature Center for the end of 2025
- Working with Andrew Shaffer to complete the trail map for the Nature Center, files are downloading as expected.

New Business

Fall Tree Tube Maintenance

- The Citizenship group will be meeting with us to remove the tubes at the Thompson road planting due to poor survival of the seedling because of the drought. We will revisit in the spring to determine if any have survived and need to be retubed.

Halloween Headlamp Hike

- This event is scheduled for October 25th. 4 demonstration tables will be set up, manned by Steve, Lori myself and the HS Environmental club and biologist Angela Baron.
- Discussion around having a four-light generator versus a two light to improve safety. Decided that the four light was appropriate for the event.

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Community walk to celebrate the opening of the perimeter trail: TBD

Programing for the remainder of the year, C. Cantlon suggested Hawk Creek live mammals' demo. Will follow up with setting a time and date with the presentation being held at the library

Suggestion to have some sort of programing during the summer,

Discussion around what needed to be done at Beeman Creek. Steve D. suggested that the scout trail be rerouted and repaired, C Cantlon also suggested a reroute around the trail that goes through the woods to avoid the ATV trail damaged areas. Cheryl and Steve will take a look and bring back some suggestions

Community Needs Assessment

- Steve raised the idea of creating some sort of community needs assessment / survey to get the community more involved and understand what the community feels are conservation priorities in Clarence. This could be done via some sort of online survey through website, Facebook, or published in the Clarence Bee. The Council general agreed this was a good idea, and it will remain an agenda item to discuss specifics.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:15 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for November 13 July at 7:00pm Kathy Hallock Room