

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

August 9, 2017

PRESENT: Scott Johnson Chairman
Nick Huson
Sharon Stuart

ABSENT: Don Buckley

ALSO Jason Keding Councilman – Town Board Liaison
PRESENT: Thelma Faulring Secretary to the Boards and Committees
Renee Siepierski Prospective Member

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Johnson: Has everybody had a chance to review the minutes July 12, 2017 are there any corrections or additions?

Mr. Huson: I'll make a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Johnson: I'll second.

All were in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary Faulring reported:

- July / August Arbor Day pamphlet
 - Copies in each folder and original in Town Hall lobby
- Water Quality papers returned from Supervisor to CAC

FINANCIAL REPORT

No change from last month.

ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

No report at this time.

LIAISON – COUNCILMAN KEDING

Councilman Keding reported:

- N.E.S.T. (North East South Towns) nothing to report
 - Explained N.E.S.T. to Mrs. Siepierski
- Working with Sheriff's Department for medical drop-off
 - Bins will be going in soon downstairs at the Town Hall
 - All bins will be secured
 - No keys will be kept at the Town Hall
 - 'Sharp' bins will be provided
 - Pet meds accepted
- Solid Waste contract comes due next year
 - New liaison Chris for Waste Management
 - Do we want recycling totes
 - Pick up would be every two weeks
 - Is an additional cost
 - Issue is hook pick-up or two-man pick because of snow piles and hilly terrain
- Electronic Recycling
 - Soon – not sure of date (maybe August 26)
 - Would like to host this kind of event

Members described activities to Mrs. Siepierski that CAC have been involved with:

- L.E.A.F. - Local Environmental Awareness Forum, an updated form of Environmental Awareness Day featuring local vendors like honey, farm produce; presenters such as Hawk Creek, Alpacas, SPCA; environmental and educational activities
- We want to concentrate on the Code description of CAC duties
 - Councilman Keding provided copies of the Local Law
- Fishing Derby
- Working on increasing membership in order to provide a more informative, educational, interesting program for the residents in Town
- Adopt-A-Highway
 - 4 clean-ups a year
 - 2 tentatively planned for August 26 and September 9
 - Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM

Mr. Johnson: Would you tell us about yourself?

Mrs. Siepierski:

- I grew up on Kevinton
- My husband and I moved to Boston 2 years ago
- We live on Boston-Colden Road
- Live in the Springville School District
- We have 3 children
 - Two them go to Colden and one is 9 months
- Work for Catholic Charities
- We've attended the Fishing Derby, the kids loved it
- What really peaked my interest was when we moved into the house our water source is our pond; so it really got me thinking about environmental factors and what we can really do
- My husband will be my support and helper

Councilman Keding: If you're interested please submit a letter of request to the Interim Town Clerk Dawn Boncal so that it can be placed on the Town Board agenda for September 6, 2017.

Mr. Huson: I will make a motion that we recommend Renee as a CAC Board member.

Mrs. Stuart: I second.

All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Johnson: Thelma, please send a letter to the Town Board with our recommendation of appointment for Renee Siepierski upon receipt of her letter of request.

Mr. Johnson: Is there anything coming up that the CAC can get involved with?

Councilman Keding:

- Lower Pond
 - Working with a vendor
 - No contract signed
 - The Board made a motion to approve the bid
 - It was too wet for them to do any work and now kind of late in the season
 - Best now, I think, to wait until next year
 - Patchin (Fire Company) has volunteered to drain the pond
 - For a company to do that it could be upwards of \$7,400.00
 - Scott Fellows (Parks Superintendent) found a submersible string trimmer for about \$700.00
 - That and a good pair or two of waders
 - If we could get the outer perimeter clear of weeds a lily pads, Don Buckley would have his Boy Scouts help clean away the debris for Community Service
 - If we could the Highway Department to help I think we could do it for a lot less money

- Upper Pond
 - Has a leak
 - Discussed getting drain tile and pull some of the water that comes off the Lion's Shelter, it has a metal roof, it wouldn't be dirty water
 - A lot of seaweed and moss growing in there;
 - The pond is not aerated
 - As a long term project, using a windmill pump would help clearing up a lot of the grass

Councilman Keding: If the C.A.C. is not going to do L.E.A.F. this year, may I suggest that you look into a pump or windmill, you would have that L.E.A.F. money to spend for another project.

Mr. Johnson: Is there anything else for this evening? If not I will make a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Huson: Second

All were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Thelma Faulring
Secretary to the Boards and Committees

Please note: Following adjournment of the meeting the Chairman and members decided that a September meeting would not be necessary. T.F.