

Brooklyn Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday November 7, 2022
Clifford Green Building and Virtual Meeting 7:00 pm

Present: Richard Calarco, Carolyn Teed-Ives, Jeannine Noel, Dana Heilemann, Sara Deshaies,
Recording Secretary

Also Present: Rene Sangermano, new Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Director

Absent: Victoria Fradette and Diane Wimmer with notice

1. Call to Order – Richard called the order at 7:02pm
2. Minutes of October Meeting – Jeannine made a motion to accept minutes as presented. Dana seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.
3. Budget 2022-2023 – Richard stated that at the next meeting he will get the current budget in order to look into next year. The only expenses increased are recording secretary and work journal.
4. New Business
 - a) Discussion with Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Director – Dana made a motion to move this item up to be 4a. Jeannine seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Discussion took place around bringing Rene up to speed on what the Commission has worked on past and present projects/areas. Richard gave Rene a list of staple events and areas which could partner with Parks and Recreation. Richard brought Rene up to speed on Shannon Russo's trail project. Richard brought Rene up to speed on how the various grant programs work. Rene stated that her department is stretched very thin right now. She hesitates to commit to any events at this time. Rene invited Richard to be on the agenda for a Recreation Commission meeting on December 12th. Discussion will be ongoing.
 - b) subdivision reviews – None. Carolyn made a motion to have subdivision materials included with any agendas going forward. Dana seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - c) UConn Invasive Plant Workshop – Carolyn, Richard, Dana, and Diane attended the online workshop. Discussion took place about deer fencing, indoor/outdoor invasive plants, native plants, and other subjects. Everyone who participated submitted for reimbursement. Screenshots were taken for possible future ideas.
5. Old Business – None.
6. Trails
 - a) Brooklyn Middle School Trails Update – No updates currently. A member of the Commission will reach out to Shannon Russo prior to the meeting with Recreation Commission.
7. Correspondence – Jana Roberson notified the Commission regarding Regis Property on Allen Hill Road, currently ~190 acres is going to be subdivided. The Commission will

plan a field trip to see in 1100 of river frontage and open space. Commission will request additional information.

8. Public Comment – None.

9. Adjournment – Dana made a motion to adjourn. Carolyn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies,
Recording Secretary