

Brooklyn Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Brooklyn Town Hall  
March 4, 2013

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Present: Diane Wimmer, Co-Chair; Jeannine Noel, Co-Chair; Michael Oatley; Bev Thornton;  
Dana Heilemann

Holly Drinkuth absent with notice. Ailla Wasstrom-Welz absent without notice.

The meeting was called to order by D. Wimmer at 7:35 pm.

A Motion to approve the February 4, 2013 minutes was made by B. Thornton. Seconded by D. Heilemann. No discussion. Unanimously approved.

The Commission discussed a trail maintenance schedule.

Riverside Park:

2013-

Fields to be mowed on a rotating schedule in the fall

One field per year will be mowed

No mowing between 4/15 – 8/1

Harrow half of each field and remove roots

Seed with a meadow mix

Maintain trails once established

Plant shrubs and grasses

2014-

Harrow remainder of fields and seed with meadow mix

Mow first field

2015-

Mow second field

Yearly-

Cut and spray bittersweet and invasive plants

The Commission discussed which plants to purchase for Riverside Park. A Motion to purchase shrubs, grasses, plants and seeds in an amount up to \$350.00 was made by D. Wimmer. Seconded by D. Heilemann. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.

Creamery Brook:

Yearly surfacing and grading

Clearing of sides of trail

Spray for weeds and invasive plants

Carol Randall Trail:

Yearly grading and clearing

Prince Hill Trail:

Maintained by Parks and Recreation

Blackwell Brook Trail:

Grading and clearing

Bridge repair

Re-blaze trail

Davis Trail:

Grading and clearing

Maintain bridge

Spray for invasive plants

Keep kiosk and trail sign visible

D. Wimmer to prepare a spreadsheet with the trail maintenance schedule.

A Motion was made by J. Noel to purchase pumpkin seeds and pots in an amount up to \$100 to distribute at Family Fun Day for the Spooky Nights Event this fall. Seconded by D. Heilemann. No further discussion. Unanimously approved.

The Commission discussed a planting party at Riverside Park as an Earth Day event to be held in May. M. Oatley to request a grant from The Last Green Valley for bottled water, gloves, shovels, a blow torch for burning roots, advertising and recycle bins.

M. Oatley updated the Commission on the Disc Golf and Timber Harvest projects on the Davis Forest property. The town is working on refining the details of the timber harvest.

Motion to Adjourn was made by D. Heilemann. Seconded by B. Thornton. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannine Noel  
Co-Chairperson