

Brooklyn Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 6, 2022  
Clifford Green Building and Virtual Meeting 7:00 pm

Present: Richard Calarco, Diane Wimmer, Dana Heilemann, Carolyn Teed-Ives, Sara Deshaies,  
Recording Secretary

Also Present: Sharon Loughlin and Austin Tanner

Absent with Notice: Jeannine Noel and Victoria Fradette

1. Call to Order - Richard called the meeting to order at 7:13pm
2. Minutes Of August Meeting – Diane made a motion to accept the minutes of August 1<sup>st</sup> as presented. Carolyn seconded. 4-0.
3. Budget 2022-2023 - Richard stated that there are no changes.
4. New Business
  - a) subdivision reviews - None. Richard requested an subdivision materials that would be presented to Planning and Zoning, also be sent to Conservation Commission for review. Discussion took place on how that went in the past.
5. Old Business
  - a) Trails - Richard stated that last month the Commission looked at a number of potential grants. Diane and Richard will get together with Austin to discuss. There was also a discussion about formerly having a part time person to help with upkeep. Diane spoke with Tommy Rukstela about the mowing schedule. Ongoing discussion. Shannon Russo, a teacher at the Middle School, is working hard to clean up the trails behind the school. The Commission is looking into funding for this as well.
  - b) Other - UCONN has an invasive workshop. It will be virtual. There is no registration portal yet. As soon as you register you will be provided a video. It is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was discussion about what information is available, including American Trails Association and their workshops.

Dana suggested a Monarch trail/walk at Riverside Park.

Diane mentioned that someone is donating Milkweed seeds. She's not sure who.

A company that Richard works with on a few different areas for Town gave organic re to test on the athletic fields. Prince Hill soccer field. Enough for two applications.

We should one next week and the other next month.

Diane asked if there was any progress with an easement on Louise Berry Drive.

Ultimately, the trail will be blazed all the way to Creamery Brook.
6. Correspondence – Shannon Russo is in the process of replacing the trail signage behind the school.
7. Public Comment – Sharon Loughlin mentioned was looking up Monarch stuff and where to get seeds.

8. Adjournment – Carolyn made a motion to adjourn. Diane seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies