

Brooklyn Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday May 1st, 2023
Clifford Green Building and Virtual Meeting 7:00 pm

Present: Richard Calarco, Diane Wimmer, Dana Heilemann, Victoria Fradette, Bill Green, and Sara Deshaies, Recording Secretary
Absent with Notice: Carolyn Teed-Ives

1. Call to Order – Richard called the meeting to order at 7:01pm
2. Approval Minutes of April 3rd, 2023 Meeting -Diane made a motion to accept as presented. Victoria seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.
3. Budget
 - 2022-2023 – Nothing for this year
 - 2023-2024 – Richard talked to Austin and the budget that was submitted is moving forward.
4. New Business - None
- a) subdivision Update – None at this time
5. Old Business
 - a) Trail Maintenance – Richard wants to make sure the trails are cleaned up for trail days.
 - b) Scout Project – Richard talked to Bill Skene, a sponsor, and is interested in Old Lantern. Jana said there was GPS data on that trail. Dana asked if there was a map.
6. Trails
 - a) Brooklyn Middle School Trails Update – Diane has not yet contacted Shannon. She will do so this week.
 - b) Trail grant – Denied. Richard talked to Austin. He said it was the first attempt and to keep looking for grants like this, possibly Greenway.
7. Trail day – Supplies can be purchased now. Diane has begun purchasing and has submitted for reimbursement and used the Town's tax-exempt identification to save money. There was much discussion about activities and supplies. Richard will reach out to the new Parks & Recreation Director, she doesn't start until June 18th. Richard is trying to meet with her earlier. The Commission needs to disseminate information. Trail Day resources media kit sent to the Commission. June 3rd and 4th. Diane forwarded the link for CT Trail Days to Sara, she will post the link for to the website. 10a-12p. Advertising/fund raising was discussed. Bill provided a kids' activities book for the day. He brought a few more brochures and bookmarks. Dana asked if the Commission could advertise in the Schools newsletter. No meeting before Trail Day. Signs will be edited to include scavenger hunt items. Dana will combine the Town's information with the State and provide to the Schools for advertising. Diane will reach out to WINY about exposure. Turnpike Buyer will be an expense, but the Commission has the money.
8. Correspondence – Jeannine used to do the Annual Report. The Commission needs to pick that up.
9. Public Comment – None.
9. Adjournment – Dana made a motion to adjourn. Diane seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies,
Recording Secretary