

Brooklyn Conservation Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
Clifford Green Building and Virtual Meeting 7:00 pm

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

Also Present: Jana Roberson, Town Planner and Bill Green, Brooklyn resident

1. Call to Order – Richard called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. Approval Minutes of December 5, 2022 Meeting – Dana made a motion to accept minutes as presented. Carolyn seconded. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Budget:
  - 2022-2023 – Approved.
  - 2023-2024 – Two minor changes. Extra money for training. UCONN does alternating native and invasive trainings. Also, money for sustainable garden. Diane suggested the garden come out of supplies. Members agreed to adding \$3,110 for miscellaneous items. Diane made a motion to submit this increased budget for approval. Dana seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
4. New Business
  - a) subdivision reviews:

SD 22-003: Two-lot Subdivision including 26 acres at 430 Allen Hill Road (Map 32, Lot 128), Applicant: Naomi Regis – Open space requirement applies to only one parcel. The other is being gifted to a family member. One 12 acres and one 14 acres. Remaining land is offsite. Planning and Zoning Commission is asking for Conservation input on preference of open space dedication or fee in lieu of open space. The parcel the fee would come from is appraised at \$70,000, meaning the Town could ask for 10%, or \$7,000, fee in lieu of open space. Planning and Zoning Commission can require the fee, but not the open space dedication. Diane made a motion to first recommend is to consider an offset open space dedication located on the riverfront and connecting to Davis Park of approximately 175 ft from the riverfront and along the boundary. Carolyn seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Dana made a second recommendation to accept the 10% “full” fee in lieu of open space as stated in the regulation. Carolyn seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b) Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission – Richard talked to Rene. Conservation is on the agenda for Monday. She is in support of Trail Days but is understaffed. They will have discussion on mutual aid.
5. Old Business:

Review of Planning and Zoning special hearing Proposed Modifications to the Zoning Text Amendment to allow Glamp-Grounds and Glamping in the RA (Residential-Agricultural) Zone – Diane attended the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. She stated that Conservation should have been prioritized in the manner of comments, not just as a public comment. Prior to the meeting, Diane had several people come up to her and thank her for the Conservation Commission listening and making them feel heard. Jana stated they should’ve used a different map than co-occurring resources, which Diane was confused about since that was not mentioned at the last Conservation meeting. Richard stated that despite the request, the materials weren’t made available until the

afternoon of rather than the Wednesday prior as requested. Diane made a point to let the Commission this is the first time Conservation had been asked to weigh in on a zoning change. No motion to vote.

6. Trails:

- a. Brooklyn Middle School Trails Update – Nothing at this time.
- b. Trail grant – Nothing at this time.
- c. Open Space – Nothing at this time.
- d. Trail day – Meeting with Rene of Parks & Recreation on Monday to discuss a partnership.

7. Correspondence - None

8. Public Comment - None

9. Adjournment – Dana made a motion to adjourn. Carolyn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies  
Recording Secretary