

Brooklyn Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday April 3rd, 2023
Clifford Green Building and Virtual Meeting 7:00 pm

Present: Bill Green, Richard Calarco, Diane Wimmer, Carolyn Teed-Ives, and Victoria Fradette
(Recording Secretary, Sara Deshaies was unavailable and took minutes via Zoom recording.)

1. Call to Order – Richard called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. Approval Minutes of March 6th, 2023 Meeting and March 26th special meeting – Carolyn made a motion to accept both as presented. Victoria seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.
3. Budget
 - 2022-2023
 - 2023-2024 – Being presented to the Board of Finance
4. New Business
 - a) Subdivision Update – There were none to review.
A discussion took place about the annual report. Jeannine Noel had done this report previously. Diane will reach out and get the information about how to do next year's report.
5. Old Business
 - a) Trail Maintenance – Members of the commission walked the Carol Randall Trail on March 26 and found that the trails had been cleared. In addition, some members have seen that other trails were cleared.
 - b) Scout Project – Rich Calarco and Diane Wimmer met with a scout interested in working with the trails for his Eagle Scout Project. He seems to be interested in the old trails by the trailhead at the landfill. We haven't heard any other information about this.
6. Trails
 - a) Brooklyn Middle School Trails Update – Members of the Commission walked the trail behind the middle school (which is also part of the Randall trails). Shannon Russo has marked the trail with information signs. Shannon wrote to the commission. She has accepted a new position and no one at the school has volunteered to take over the project. We discussed this and agreed to take over the project once it is complete. In the meantime. Shannon will work on the trail and website during the month of April. We hope to present this trail and information guide at the CT Trail Days in June.
 - b) Trail grant - The Town has applied for a trail grant from DEEP to upgrade the Creamery Brook Trail.
 - c) Trail day – We are registered with CT Trail days. The Parks and Rec Dept and the Conservation Commission have put a Trail Day Flyer on their Facebook pages. We discussed doing fairy houses at the outdoor classroom. Bill Green passed out information about bees and pollinators and will get information to pass out at the event. We are buying native wildflower seeds to distribute and looking at information to make seed balls so children could scatter and/or plant at home or in the community.
7. Correspondence - None
8. Public Comment - None
9. Adjournment – Carolyn made a motion to adjourn. Diane seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Deshaies