Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 2017
Mallory Town Hall, 7:00 PM

Members Present: Bill McCann, Patricia Bailey, Colette Shulman and Michael LaVia

Absent: Lucille Hinkley and Joanna Wozniak-Brown

Also Present: A. Branson from NAROMI, and Christine Branson, Commission Clerk

Call to Order:
Chairman B. McCann Called the Meeting to Order at 7:14 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting of April 12, 2017

P. Bailey Moved to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting of April 12, 2017, 2017 as written. Seconded by: C. Shulman

Vote: For: Unanimous

Correspondence: None

New Business:

Town wide Trail Guide Discussion:

Amanda Branson of NAROMI came to present a proposed collaboration with the Conservation Commission to celebrate NAROMI's 50th anniversary they would like to publish a trail guide. Mrs. Branson stated that Kent has just completed a very nice trail guide, as well as New Fairfield. NAROMI would like to offer a similar option to the community here in Sherman. NAROMI is looking to partner with Town Boards and organizations. The Commission discussed formats and styles with Mrs. Branson. NAROMI is seeking grant funding to offset the publishing costs. She hopes to have a completed draft available for discussion sometime in October. The Commission agreed to participate with NAROMI to create a Sherman Trails Guide. Chair McCann agreed to send Mrs. Branson a letter stating the endorsement of the Conservation Commission.

Farm Regulations Workshop:

Chair McCann reported that he attended the P&Z workshop where there was an open discussion with the community regarding the proposed amendment to the existing Farming Regulation. The Meeting was very well attended and many members of the audience participated in the discussions. Mr. McCann stated he feels it was a positive step forward. Commissioner P. Bailey stated she had written a letter to be read into record supporting a local Right to Farm Ordinance.

Program Discussion:

The Commission had discussed last year the possibility of presenting The Seed Movie, this is part of a trilogy. C. Shulman stated she would look into finding out who the speaker was that spoke at a dinner at Strawberry Fields this past fall.

Old Business:

Notable Trees

Chair, B. McCann reported they found a "monster" red oak along Route 39 North. Mr. McCann handed out a draft spread sheet with all of the entries so far. So far they have received approximately 20 entries, there are more that require measuring. Mr. McCann and Mr. LaVia have planned another day to measure.
Weed Warrior event

Chair, B. McCann reported he went in May and cut down new shoots and raked at the school. He spread the seeds that were purchased in the area. He is hoping the new seedling will soon overcrowd the knotweed. Chair McCann reported he is still awaiting feedback from DEEP regarding the proposed use of glyphospates around the track area. If DEEP comes back stating that glyphosates cannot be used, the track will become the next area that the Weed Warriors intend to target.

Public Comment- No one was present to speak.

Adjournment          P. Bailey Moved to Adjourn  the Meeting at 9:08 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Branson, Commission Clerk
May 17, 2017
APPROVED AS FINAL AT THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 MEETING