

TOWN OF SKOWHEGAN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
September 6, 2016
6:00 P.M.
Council Room, Municipal Building

PRESENT:

Derek Ellis , Chairman
Robert McGorty, Vice Chairman
Joe Dembeck
Sherri Vigue
Tristen Hinkle
Cynthia Kirk, Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Corey Hinkle, Corey Johnson

PUBLIC PRESENT:

1) QUORUM:

Conservation Commission meeting called to order at 6:00 PM, quorum was present.

2) MINUTES OF THE August 2, 2016 CONSERVATION MEETINGS TO BE APPROVED:

Motion by Bob McGorty to approve the August 2, 2016 Conservation Committee minutes as written.
Seconded by Tristen Hinkle. Motion passed 5-0.

3) OLD BUSINESS:

Joe gave an update on the Yankee Woodlot. They have set the dates for a bunch of forestry workshops that they will be doing there. He will be emailing that out to everyone.

Joe said that they had also talked about hosting another hike at the woodlot like they did last year and he didn't know if they wanted to set the date for that tonight. They had talked about doing some sort of a fall foliage hike. Everyone decided that October 9, 2016 would be the best date. They will hold it from 10:00 am- 1:30 pm. Bob said they can offer lunch again this year as well. Derek also said they should think about getting the word out early with some sort of advertising. Cindy said that they had talked about getting some sort of reusable signs that they could use to advertise. She had found some online that were not too expensive. Joe said he had also looked online as well and found some. He can forward the site he was looking at to everyone so they can take a look at them. Cindy said they can put it on the website. They can also contact Main Street and the Chamber and see if they can put an event up on their Facebook pages.

Motion by Joe Dembeck to expend an amount not to exceed \$500.00 from the Conservation Commission Reserve Account to purchase 2 reusable sidewalk signs for advertising events. Seconded by Bob McGorty. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Joe Dembeck to expend an amount not to exceed \$100.00 from the Conservation Commission Reserve Account to purchase refreshments for the Fall Foliage hike on October 9, 2016. Seconded by Bob McGorty. Motion passed 5-0.

Tristen also asked about making the flyers for the event. She said she could get her students to come up with some ideas and then they can vote on them. Derek said they should really get it on Facebook somehow as well because it is a great way to get the word out. He said they could put it on the Lake

George page as well. Cindy also said if one of them wanted to create an event on their own Facebook page then it could get shared that way as well. Derek said he will also talk to Denise at the Recreation Center about putting it on their page. Joe said he can also check with Jason Gayne at the Chamber of Commerce about them advertising it.

4) NEW BUSINESS:

None

5) UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES:

9/11/16- Lake George Triathlon

9/18/16- Forest Festival in the Forks at Northern Outdoors hosted by Somerset Woods

10/1/16- Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Transfer Station

6) ADDITIONAL MEMBER & STAFF ITEMS:

Derek – Community Projects and member recruitment.

Derek said he has been doing some checking around about what other Conservation Commissions are doing and he thinks that there could be some potential for them to do a lot more in the community. He isn't sure what exactly yet but he feels they should start broadening their horizons a little bit and see what else they can get involved in. If everyone took some time to think about what else they can be doing in the community that would be great. Derek also said he would like to see them maybe get a few more members on board and maybe they might have some new ideas as well. This is just something he has been thinking about and they can continue to talk about it.

Bob- LGRP Update

Bob said they have about 83 people signed up for the triathlon so far this year so they are on track with last year. Also they still have people coming in everyday to enjoy the park so that's nice. The weather has really been in their favor this year.

Motion by Bob McGorty to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Seconded by Joe Dembeck. Motion passed 5-0.
Next meeting scheduled for October 4, 2016.

Minutes approved _____, 2016

Chairman
