

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

June 10, 2015

PRESENT: Jason Keding Chairman
Jeffery Szudzik Financial Secretary
Don Buckley
Scott Johnson
Sharon Stuart

(Please note: at 7:15 PM the members present excused Secretary Thelma Faulring for this evening's meeting; she was not feeling well.)

Mr. Keding called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. upon his arrival

MINUTES

Mr. Keding asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of May 13, 2015, being none
Mr. Keding made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mr. Buckley and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- June edition of 'The Conservationist' received and mailed to the Boston Library
- No letters were received requesting appointment to the CAC

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Szudzik reported:

- 'Conservationist' subscription was \$12.00
- \$800.00 to Whispering Pines for fish supply
- \$274 to Tops for food at Fishing Derby
- \$115.92 for prizes for Fishing Derby
- Remaining Balance - \$1372.70

ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

No update for this evening.

Mr. Johnson may have Tuesday's available for the next couple of months, and would like to attend.

Mr. Keding will continue to forward e-mails from the E.C.E.M.C. to members; there haven't been many lately.

LIAISON – COUNCILMAN VARA

Not in attendance this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

CAC Membership solicitation

Mr. Keding announced that he is seeking a Councilman position on the Town Board.

He added;

- he has been soliciting for members
- letting them know it's a good group; what we do
- Gary (Councilman Vara) has brought some great ideas to us and looking at the law
- really would like to do something active with our group
- would like to do more community active things so when they hear CAC or Conservation Advisory Council they know who we are
- I've reached out for more information on things like Community Mulch project. But a lot of that comes down to logistics: where do we put it, how is it policed? I have not reached out to Waste Management yet
- Discussion turned to projects in Ireland and the Onondaga County (Syracuse) area

NEW BUSINESS

Environmental Awareness Day

Mr. Keding reported:

- Tentatively scheduled for September 19, 2015
- Hawk's Creek has accepted our invitation
 - \$125 for the first hour
 - \$150 for each subsequent hour
- Have not heard from anyone else; but e-mails are still out there

Mr. Buckley reported:

- I can almost guarantee
 - SPCA animal rehabilitation
 - Soil and Water
 - Agriculture
- 4-H Flopper Hoppers will be there

Mr. Johnson: We need more activity to attract people to come. Should we add 'green companies' even if they have a sales pitch?

Other suggestions included:

- Beekeeping and chickens are a huge business
 - Dr. Ziarnowski is a good contact for beekeeping
 - Former member Mike Monin is into beekeeping
- Farms / Farmers
- Pesticides
- Farmers Market type of venue
- U.S.D.A.
- Boston Hills Nursery
- Ken Lindstrom
- Waste Management
- Earth Spirit
- Erie County K-9 Unit

Mr. Johnson: What could go along with EAD or replace it – in Iowa they do a 'Trash Bash' it's a community thing:

- You get together
- Have lunch
- Put together teams that go out to public areas, parks, hiking trails, creeks, and do trash pic-ups, invasive species removal, things like that. I don't know if we have enough area or enough people to do that; but it's something I saw that I think would be worth a try. Along the creek it's full of metal – just a thought, we might have to go to a bigger, public, area.
- Could we as a group 'Adopt a Highway'?

Mr. Buckley: When we first started this Dick (former member Dick Lee) he was talking more about the 'Envirothon' that they did in school. The original idea, that kind of spit-balled and grew into what we're doing now, was they have the Envirothon where schools get together and send teams and there are questions and answers about the environment and things like that. I didn't think that in a community of 8,000 that there would be enough of a draw to get a bunch of teams; it would take a lot more organizing. It turned into what we're doing with demonstrations and presenters. We need to get people with their products and sell if they want too, get people to realize what is in the area and get them interested in the environment of the area.

Brainstorming:

- Poster coloring contest
 - awards and prizes given EAD
- Parent led 'occupational' day
- Garden Club activity
- Involve Boston Valley and Colden Elementary Schools

Mr. Keding: At this time we will forge ahead with EAD. My cutoff date will be the end of June, that will give us time to change the website if needed, and get the flyer ready for distribution.

Summer Schedule

No meeting in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2015.

Mr.; Keding asked if there were any further business for this evening.

Being none Mr. Keding made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Buckley and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Thelma Faulring
Secretary to Boards & Committees