

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 14, 2015

PRESENT: Jason Keding Chairman
Don Buckley
Scott Johnson
Sharon Stuart

ALSO Thelma Faulring Secretary to Boards and Committees
PRESENT:

Mr. Keding called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

MINUTES

Mr. Keding asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of August 12, 2015, being none Mr. Buckley made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Stuart and carried.

Secretary Faulring: On the other Boards I have asked the Chairman to allow me to sign his or her name when the minutes are accepted, and then I will initial that signature.

Mr. Keding: I will make a motion for Thelma to sign my name and initial it.

Mr. Buckley: Second.

All were in favor of the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter of resignation from Jeff Szudzik dated September 15
 - That letter has not been acted upon by the Town Board
- October issue of the ‘Conservationist’ received and mailed to the Boston Free Library
- September / October ‘Arbor Day’ pamphlet received and placed in the Town Hall lobby
 - With request for renewal

Mr. Keding made a motion to pay the dues and any trees that are available to be planted on Town property, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried.

Secretary Faulring will submit subscription to Bookkeeper Kathy Selby for payment.

Discussion followed regarding new fence along pathway by the creek; and further discussion on new plantings

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Keding distributed a copy of budget report he received from Bookkeeper Selby and reported:

Budget allowance	\$2,600.00
Expenses to date	\$1,227.23
Balance	\$1,372.77

Mr. Keding: The balance is quite high due to the fact that we did not hold the Environmental Awareness Day this year. According to Kathy that money would remain in our budget.

Mr. Buckley: Other purchases were made, have they been located?

Mr. Keding: Tables were purchased from the General Budget. They were placed in the Community Room and we can utilize them for the Fishing Derby.

Mr. Keding: With this extra money we should start thinking about a new sign for the Fishing Derby or for Environmental Awareness Day. The Parks crew is willing to store it for us.. Let’s move this to new business.

Mr. Buckley:” Does that go back into our budget? I know a couple of years we ended the year with a budget of like \$.79.

Mr. Keding: I will check with Kathy again let everyone know by e-mail. We do have a tax exempt number on file at Wal-Mart so if we need any prizes from there...

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Mr. Keding: I have not seen anything from Bonnie over there. There was an onslaught of e-mails that I sent to everybody; after that I haven’t seen anything.

Mr. Johnson: I did go to the Erie County Local Emergency Planning Committee Forum at the Training and Operations Center in Cheektowaga. They started by talking about Erie County’s equipment they have for emergency situations. They would rent their equipment to the Bill’s for a command center at the games. They introduced Michael Bethage from CSX to talk about railway safety

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Not in attendance this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

CAC Membership solicitation

Keep on looking for perspective members.

Adopt-A-Highway

Mr. Keding has obtained information of high visibility vests

Mr. Buckley: T-shirt's are cheaper; we don't need night visibility.

Mr. Johnson: Get a brightly visible shirt that we could also use for the Fishing Derby. I've not been able to get ahold of a new contact person since Brian Skok retired. I do have a woman's name at home and left messages for her but she has not called back, I will keep trying to get contact her.

NEW BUSINESS

Financial Secretary

Mr. Keding: All you'd have to do is reach-out to Kathy and ask her to print out a report like was distributed tonight; you don't have to do any math, it's already done. So we just need to have somebody to report on it; if anyone is interested in doing that.

Mrs. Stuart: What if we have to buy something?

Mr. Keding: The Conservationist, and other annual expenses are done by a voucher; any personal monies that you spend can be submitted by a voucher. Tops is now a credit card bill and a receipt will be sent to the Bookkeeper for payment.

Mrs. Stuart: I guess I can do that.

Mr. Buckley: Has the budget been submitted?

Mr. Keding: Yes, it's the same as last year.

Discussion turned to Environmental Awareness Day lack of interest by vendors.

Discussion turned to previous Environmental Awareness Day vendor contacts:

- Soil and Water
- Alpacas
- SPCA
- Zoo
- Sheriff's K-9 Unit
- 'The Fox Lady'
- Messenger Wildlife

Mr. Buckley: So we need to keep the budget the same as some of these vendors do require a fee for their presentations. And we do need to look into a new Fishing Derby sign.

Chairman

Discussion turned to 'other' project ideas for 2016:

- Plastic bag collection boxes
- Fluorescent light bulb disposal
- Battery disposal
- Timely 'W.M. bagster' pick-up

Chairman

Mr. Keding: What is the plan should I be elected?

Mr. Buckley: My health isn't the best; I'm lightening my load on other things so I don't think I would be interested.

Mr. Johnson: I guess that would be me, if Don doesn't want it.

Membership Drive actions

- Flyers / Penny saver

Mr. Johnson suggested a Work Session in November to only discuss a membership recruitment flyer and new 4' by 8' Fishing Derby sign,

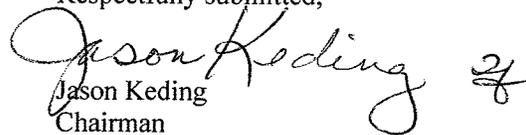
Mr. Buckley: We couldn't make a decision but could discuss these items and then have things in order for the December meeting.

A Work Session was tentatively set for November 1, 2015 at Tim Horton's

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

Being none Mr. Keding made a motion to adjourn (7:46 PM), seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jason Keding
Chairman