### CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL DRAFT October 22, 2018

PRESENT: Vince Mangino, Chairman

Sharon Stuart

Donald Buckley ABSENT: Nick Huson

Renee Siepierski

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Koczur Secretary to the Boards

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mangino at 7:14 P.M.

#### **MINUTES**

Mr. Mangino made a motion to approve the September 25, 2018 minutes; seconded by Mr. Buckley. All members were in favor.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Secretary Koczur submitted a "change of meeting day" to the Town Board on 9/28/18
- Arbor Day Foundation → Membership dues expired on 9/5/18; renewal is \$10 for 6-month and \$15 for 1-year and you can pick one of three options:
  - o 10 trees planted locally; 10 trees planted in rain forest w/t-shirt to CAC; or 10 trees planted in national forest
  - Motion made by Chairman Mangino to renew the subscription for 1-year, and 10 trees planted in a national forest; seconded by Sharon. All members were in favor.
  - \*\*\*A note from Secretary Koczur: Upon further investigation, the Arbor Day membership is valid until September 5, 2019 and there is no need to renew at this time.
- Use of facility for Fishing Derby, LEAF, and any other programs can be submitted ASAP.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- \$287.52 remaining for the year; about \$135.52 once a few last minute expenses are posted
- Propane tanks [Chairman Mangino believes this will not be pulled from CAC budget, but from parks department], Facebook ad, Hamburg Sun ad are to be posted soon
- Total spent on LEAF: \$1,017.33
- There will be about \$135.52 left after final expenses are posted.
- What to do with remaining budget?
  - Fishing Derby prizes
  - CAC Shirts
  - Clearing lily pads in the town ponds underwater weed whackers or windmill aerators to help clear them – clean before the next Fishing Derby
    - Grass Carp are in need to check progress
    - Cannot do herbicide to clear them because overflow is into 18-mile
    - Will wait to see how bad they are before making a plan of action
  - Will be waiting for the final expenses to post before making a decision on what to use the remaining funds for.

#### **ERIE COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

No update.

# **LIAISON - COUNCILWOMAN MARTIN**

Councilwoman Martin was not in attendance.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

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- Tentatively Saturday, September 14, 2019
- Stay away from Sundays to next year, change the time
- Keep variety of vendors many have mentioned they are looking forward to 2019
- Hopefully add in fly fishing and South Towns Walleye at ponds, vendors in the Lions Shelter, and Community Room, demos in the field next to the Lions Shelter
- Channel 4 Community Calendar
- Food trucks need to be confirmed earlier so that they can be put on the advertisements
- Possible future vendors: Dog control, Boston Library, Bookmobile, Wild Spirit [instead of Hawk Creek possibly], SPCA Cat adoption van, South Towns Walleye,
- Will make sure to have bathrooms next year
- Removal of stage
- Use of facility will be submitted pending a letter from Chairman Mangino

Chairman Mangino made a motion to submit the Use of Facility to the Town Board for the 2019 LEAF event on September  $14^{th}$ ; Seconded by Mr. Buckley. All members were in favor.

# Adopt-a-Highway

- Mr. Buckley will coordinate contract, dates, and times of events.
- Contract is on only on one side of the highway.
- There was a previous motion to continue with this program.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2 people signed up on the CAC sign-up sheet at LEAF Contacted both, waiting to hear back from both
- Start growing Facebook audience and recruit new members
- Chairman Mangino began going through the Town Code
  - Needs revisions
- Things that CAC should be doing in the code...
  - o Advise Town and Supporting boards Planning and Zoning
  - Liaisons with local agencies
  - o Try to be involved with drainage plan
  - Programs LEAF/Fishing Derby
  - o Studies, maps, charts, database, handouts
  - Private group support
- Five Year Plan
  - Get back to following code
  - Ms. Siepierski will take on recruitment will not be at next meeting, so she will send Chairman Mangino ideas on recruitment.
  - o "Friends of the CAC" after CAC has a full board again, a volunteer force
  - Five year plan is a good idea because "you don't know if you're succeeding if you don't know what your goals are".
- Quarterly Program
  - Snowshoe & Snowmen 2019 Snowshoe on the trails, making snowman in the fields, and hot chocolate/cookies/other activities in the Community Room; Snowman building contest
  - o Jennifer Warren asked to possibly sponsor she has snowmen kits
  - o Albright Knox used to do something similar Ms. Siepierski will look into this
  - Two Use of Facility submitted rain date included?
  - Kid-friendly event, right in town

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Chairman Mangino made a motion for Jennifer Warren to sponsor this event; seconded by Ms. Siepierski. All members were in favor.

Mr. Buckley made a motion to spend the remaining budget on the Fishing Derby prizes; seconded by Chairman Mangino. All members were in favor.

Mr. Buckley made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Stuart. All members were in favor.

Chairman Mangino made a motion to re-open the meeting; seconded by Ms. Siepierski. All members were in favor.

Chairman Mangino made a motion to give the Chairman discretionary authority to schedule the snowshoe program, since there will likely not be a quorum at the next meeting; seconded by Mr. Buckley. All members were in favor.

Chairman Mangino made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Buckley. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Koczur Secretary to the Boards