

WASON POND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 6, 2018
Approved Minutes

Present were:

Herb Rowell
John Dalrymple
Chuck Myette
Leslie Hammond
Kathleen Neff Ragsdale, Conservation Rep.
Kevin Kistler
Chris Hadik
Darrell Quinn

Absent were:

Stephen O. Landau

Others present:

None

1. Call to Order

Chairman Myette called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. New Business - None

3. Treasurer's Report (Chris)

Mr. Hadik reported \$954.00 in the budget with nothing spent.

Chairman Myette reported that there were no new bills.

Mr. Rowell motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as stated, Ms. Neff-Ragsdale seconded his motion, with all in favor, so moved.

4. Approval of Minutes (June 4, 2018)

There was no July meeting.

Mr. Hadik was absent from the June 4, 2018 meeting so could not have given the Treasurer's report. The recording secretary will change Line 32 to Chairman Myette.

Mr. Hadik motion to accept the minutes are amended. Mr. Rowell seconded his motion, with Mr. Hadik and Kistler abstaining due to absence from that meeting, Vote: 5-0 in favor, with 2 abstaining, so moved.

5. Recreation Commission

a. Events

i. Summer Program

Ms. Hammond and Ms. Neff-Ragsdale advised that they had about 88 campers. Ms. Hammond advised that there was a mix of half day and full day participants. The theme was *Hunger Games*, a spin on Capture the Flag. Tomorrow the Police Department will be showing a car and giving a speech. Friday the Fire Department is coming to spray the kids with water.

ii. Fields

Ms. Hammond advised that Rec was disappointed not to hear back from Lacrosse about using the field.

Chairman Myette asked when the fields would be cut in. Ms. Hammond advised that the baseball will be done after soccer season sometime in November provided there is a good enough ground freeze before it snows.

Mr. Kistler asked if there was a 5k running group that used the fields and how often Cross Country used the trails. Chairman Myette wondered if they used it every day or just for meets.

Mr. Dalrymple reported that the rain cannon had worked well. They haven't had to use it as much the last 3-4 weeks with so much rain and the grass was having to be mowed every 3-4 days.

Chairman Myette asked about fertilizer and Mr. Dalrymple reported that it had one application already.

iii. Others

Ms. Hammond advised that the full-size nets would be assembled. Disassembly and storage were discussed. Mr. Dalrymple advised that they would be secured to the ground, as required.

Mr. Dalrymple discussed dam maintenance and brush clearing.

Mr. Dalrymple raised concerns about a brush pile that is still there. The Pounder clean-up added to it. It could be hauled to the dump but not wanting more brush continuously added to that spot, recommended having a regular place for brush to be placed pending removal. Mr. Dalrymple advised that they could use the trailer to move it and have a volunteer day. Mr. Quinn reminded to pile it high at the dump and not spread it out.

iv. Soccer

Ms. Hammond advised that the Wason Pond field would be used after Labor Day for the 15-18-year olds and that with present enrollment numbers, having two full size fields there would be unnecessary so that the other half size field could be used for skills practice for younger kids.

Chairman Myette reminded that it would be dark out early soon and there were no lights there.

6. Conservation

Chairman Myette advised that there was some interest from a disc golf group, for Spring Hill Farm but it wasn't a farming activity.

7. Master Plan – Projects

a. Pavilion

Chairman Myette stated that he hasn't heard from the Timber Framers Guild recently.

8. Miscellaneous

a. Security Cameras

Chairman Myette stated that nothing was happening with the security cameras.

b. Warden or Ranger

Mr. Dalrymple advised that the PD had hired a Ranger, named John Wright who was undergoing training and hopefully would be available next year.

c. Barn Siding

Chairman Myette advised they will try to get the inmates to come back but if not, will need volunteers. There is lumber at Dick's saw mill. Chairman Myette suggested a volunteer day for this or perhaps a Scout project to finish up the last wall of the barn. Mr. Quinn asked about staging and Chairman Myette added that ladders or a lift could be used. Mr. Quinn advised that the side was only Tyvek now and would soon peel off so it needed to get done.

d. Trash Removal

Ms. Hammond stated that they have been happy with ABI. Mr. Dalrymple stated that they are doing a good job, the difference is night and day and they often come once or twice a week if needed.

e. Vandalism

Ms. Hammond advised that the vandalism on the 4th of July holiday is becoming an anticipated event with the portapotty being demolished and picnic tables thrown into the pond. The Recreation Commission will have to pay to replace the one that was destroyed and rent another one and they are not inexpensive.

Next Meeting Date: September 10, 2018

9. Adjournment

Ms. Neff-Ragsdale motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Chairman Myette seconded her motion, with all in favor, so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Hoijer, Recording Secretary