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TOWN OF ORANGE
TOWNSHIP

Orange Conservation Commission

High Plains Conference Room
September 5, 2018

(Unapproved Minutes)

Attendance

Commissioners Present: Chairman Cindy Ruggeri, Donna Wesolowski, and Robert McCorkle

Commissioners Absent: Vice Chairman Sharon V. Ewen, Kent Tullo, Jonathan Clark, and Consultant Michael Ross

Guests: Keith and Cathy Anderson

Staff Present: Deborah Satonick, Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order

- Chairman Ruggeri called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

- As there was not a quorum present, the review and approval of the July 11, 2018 Orange Conservation Commission minutes was tabled until next month.

III. Financial Report

- Chairman Ruggeri reported that the 2018-2019 financial budget was set at \$3400.00, the same dollar amount as last year's budget. The amount of \$1332.00 was encumbered from last year's budget to pay Orange Fence Company to install a chain link fence along Racebrook Road. The purpose of the fence is to prevent deer from running into the road. Mr. Ewen advised that the Orange Fence Company has given the Town a fair price for the fence.

IV. Old Business

A. My Town Trails App

- Chairman Ruggeri reported that My Town Trails can no longer be supported and that she will remove the link from the Town website.

V. New Business

A. Orange Country Fair

- Chairman Ruggeri and the members discussed the details of the Orange Country Fair, and volunteers were requested to cover the tables. Supplies, such as the banner, maps, pens, etc.... will be displayed and/or given out to visitors. Mr. Gallo's new book will also be available at the fair for viewing. This event has been advertised on a variety of social media, including Facebook, and some hikers have sent in pictures of themselves using the trails.
- The Owl Prowl, scheduled for November ninth at Ewen Farm Preserve, will be led by Mr. Gallo. This event is being offered free of charge due to a grant and the maximum number of attendees is approximately 30-40 people. Registration in advance is recommended. This event has been advertised on Facebook and in the newspaper.
- Chairman Ruggeri mentioned that the Town of Orange might be purchasing over twenty acres of land located behind Best Buy on the Boston Post Road. It will be used as Open Space. Mrs. Anderson inquired about a fallen tree over the bridge at Racebrook Tract, and Chairman Ruggeri advised that it has been cleared. Ms. Ruggeri also mentioned that she received an email from Mr. Tullo about missing trail markers and a fallen tree on the Red Trail.

B. By-Laws

- Chairman Ruggeri would like to change the wording of their bylaws to indicate that if an Orange Conservation member repetitively fails to attend the monthly meetings, they can be advised to step down from the Commission. She has already spoken with Town Counsel for advise on this matter.

C. ATV and Dog Reports

- Chairman Ruggeri noted that the greatest issues at Racebrook Tract are with unleashed dogs. The dog warden continues to monitor the situation and warnings will be given out to violators.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick Recording Secretary