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Orange Conservation Commission & Orange Land Trust Joint Meeting

June 2, 2022 6:15 p.m. Room 2
High Plains Community Center

Approved

Attendance

Commissioners Present: Chair Sharon Ewen, Cindy Ruggeri, Donna Wesolowski, Scott Somerville, Robert McCorkle, Santo Galatioto, and Members of the Orange Land Trust

Commissioners Absent: Cathy Anderson

Staff Present: Deborah Satonick, Recording Secretary

- Chair Ewen thanked the members of the Orange Land Trust for agreeing to this joint meeting. She shared some of her objectives with the group. One objective is a shared calendar of activities between the two groups. The OLT felt that this was a good idea and both groups agreed to advertise each other's events on their respective websites. Both groups shared with each other their upcoming events for the balance of 2022.
- Chair Ewen advised that their primary role has been maintenance of the trails, but indicated that they would like to expand this role to help get residents out using the Open Space. Some ideas include "growing a garden" with possible school participation and art and music in the woods. Chairman Ewen suggested a shared events committee to discuss future activities to accomplish this purpose. The OCC was also invited to attend the annual Orange Land Trust meeting, which hosts a guest speaker.
- Chair Ewen inquired if the OLT members would occasionally walk the trails and report back to the OCC about any down trees. They agreed to cooperate and help with trail maintenance. The members discussed "All Trails" and other free mapping devices available on phones to assist walkers with their location while hiking on the trails.
- There was a brief discussion on some of the problems with the all-terrain vehicles and the Orange Land Trust requested two signs from the OCC to address this problem. The removal of trail markers was another issue mentioned. Lastly, the OLT noted that an Eagle Scout made a bridge on Cedarcrest property.

Orange Conservation Commission Meeting

June 2, 2022 7:00 p.m. Room 2
High Plains Community Center

(Unapproved Minutes)

Commissioners Present: Chair Sharon Ewen, Cindy Ruggeri, Donna Wesolowski, Scott Somerville, Robert McCorkle, and Santo Galatioto

Staff Present: Deborah Satonick, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of Orange Conservation Commission Minutes

April 6, 2022 Minutes

Mr. Galatioto made a motion to approve the April 6, 2022 Orange Conservation Commission minutes, seconded by Ms. Ruggeri. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

May 4, 2022 Minutes

Mr. Galatioto made a motion to approve the May 4, 2022 Orange Conservation Commission minutes, seconded by Mr. McCorkle. All were in favor with Chairman Ewen abstaining. The motion PASSED.

2. Financial Report

- Chair Ewen inquired if the Recording Secretary has been paid, as the balance of \$600 for this line item has not been expended. The Recording Secretary will check with Karin Lewis, who handles the payroll and report back to Chairman Ewen. The remaining budget may be used to purchase a wood duck house, additional flowers, and an easel for the fair.

3. Kiosk Updates

- Mr. Somerville will purchase a sheet of plexiglass and have it cut to size to replace one that has become foggy and dirty due to sun exposures. He will also remove a screw out of one of the kiosk and put additional laminated information inside to cover the area. It was suggested to put some information about the phone applications, such as "All Trails," in the kiosk to inform hikers about these free phone apps.

4. Orange Country Fair

- It was agreed to purchase two booths for added space at the fair. An easel will be purchased to display brochures and handouts. Ms. Wesolowski will research Amazon and other sources for this purchase. There was a brief discussion on the information that will be displayed at the fair.

5. Maintenance List

- The Recording Secretary has updated the Maintenance List on an ongoing basis. Chairman Ewen advised that the knotweed was sprayed at Ewen Preserve and this will be added on the Maintenance Log.

6. Wepawaug Historical Fall Walk

- It was unanimously agreed that the OCC will not host this event at this time.

7. Open Space Pollinating Garden

- Chairman Ewen reported that she has made a call about this but has not yet received a return phone call.

8. Sign Update

- Ms. Anderson has purchased all of the needed signs at this time.

9. Fall Workday

- The fall workday will be scheduled for Saturday, October 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Orange Country Fair is September 17th-18th. The Owl Prowl is scheduled for November 4th and sign up registration will be required, with a limited participation not to exceed forty people.

10. Adjournment

Mr. McCorkle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m., seconded by Ms. Ewen. All were in favor and the motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Satonick,
Recording Secretary