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March 18, 2014

Regular Meeting

Present: William Urban, Chairman  
Randy Carroll  
Frank Pergola  
Luanna Plocha

Absent: Jennifer Draus  
John Jones  
Tim Holman

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Urban.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

### **Public Session**

Chairman Urban asked three (3) times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Commission. There being no one, he called for a motion to close the public session.

Mr. Carroll made a motion to close the public session. Ms. Plocha seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Carroll made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the October 15, 2013 Meeting. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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## **Bills**

Mr. Carroll made a motion to pay all bills if found to be correct. Ms. Plocha seconded. All in favor, so carried.

## **Correspondence**

Mr. Carroll made a motion to accept all of the correspondence received, dispense with the reading, and place them on file. If a member requests one read or acted upon the correspondence will be brought up individually. Ms. Plocha seconded. All in favor, so carried.

1. The Habitat – Winter 2014
2. Soil & Water Newsletter – Spring 2014
3. CT Trust for Historic Preservation – Connecticut Preservation News – March/April 2014

Mr. Carroll said that there is a new regulation that states the Tree Warden has to let homeowners and the Conservation Commission know when they are removing a tree or trimming a tree on City property.

4. Kevin Blake, Corporation Counsel re: 48 Silver Hill Road dated 10/29/13

## **New Business**

Chairman Urban called for a moment of silence in memory of Peter Seeger who was instrumental in getting the Clean Water Act passed, the Hudson River Watershed and many more things that benefited the environment and the country. He said Mr. Seeger was a great conservationist and a great American. He will be missed.

A moment of silence was observed.

## **Referrals**

### **48 Silver Hill Road**

The secretary read the letter received from Corporation Counsel Blake. (copy attached)

Mr. Carroll said the property should be sold. He and Mr. Pergola went up to the site and the property. There is an old structure located on this site and it is located near the entrance where the ATV and dirt bikes enter the park near the second pond. The people are destroying the area

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with the four wheel trucks, dirt bikes and ATV's. He showed the members on the map where the land is located in Fountain Lake Park and where the building is on the site.

Mr. Carroll said he has an Ordinance that he wrote regarding the ATV vehicles, dirt bikes and four wheel trucks riding around in the Fountain Lake Park and open space. He said Homa Pump is near the entry to the property and he will suggest that there be large boulders placed in the entrance area of the property (48 Silver Hill) to prevent access by these vehicles.

There was discussion on the activities that are occurring on the Fountain Lake property with the constant damage being done to the park by the ATV's and the dirt bikes. The members feel that if the property is owned by someone it would eliminate the entrance into the park through the property (48 Silver Hill Road).

Mr. Carroll made a motion to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the City of Ansonia sell this parcel of land known as 48 Silver Hill Road. Ms. Plocha seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### Land Trust

Mr. Carroll said that he, Mr. Pergola and Mrs. Flaherty attended the Woodbridge Land Trust meeting. He said their meeting was very informative. He has been researching the land records to verify that Fountain Lake is in the Seymour Land Trust. He said Ansonia has no record of Fountain Lake in the Seymour Land Trust. The Seymour Land Trust is holding the open space at Fountain Lake for Ansonia. They have all of the information on this. There is eleven acres.

Mr. Carroll said that former Mayor Tom Clifford was instrumental in putting the open space into the Seymour Land Trust when they purchased the property. The land was dedicated for recreation and passive recreation use. Seymour Land Trust has the Fountain Lake piece in their land records.

Mr. Carroll said he is asking permission to go to Seymour Land Trust and ask them for copies of their records on Fountain Lake.

Alex Danko, Seymour Land Trust said that they have Wardens that patrol the property and all Ansonia needs to do is pass the Ordinance regulating dirt bikes, ATV's and four wheel trucks.

Mr. Carroll made a motion to send a letter to Seymour Land Trust requesting copies of the information that they are currently holding on Fountain Lake. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Carroll said the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen Ordinance Committee, Matt Edo said there are Indian artifacts around the second lake in the Fountain Lake Park. He said he will research this and report back to the commission.

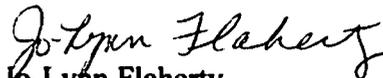
Mr. Carroll said that Shelton has a problem with dirt bikes in their parks and open space also. He said he contacted them for a copy of their Ordinance. They said they are currently working on an Ordinance. Mr. Carroll will send them a copy of our Ordinance.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Ms. Plocha seconded. All in favor, so carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary