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Special Meeting

Present: William Urban, Chairman
Joseph Cassetti
Frank Pergola

Absent: John Jones
Tim Holman

Others Present: Randolph Carroll, 1st Ward Alderman

The Special meeting of the Ansonia Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Urban.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

Public Session

Chairman Urban asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the commission. He asked three (3) times. There was no one.

Mr. Cassetti made a motion to close the public session. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Minutes

Mr. Cassetti made a motion to accept as written the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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Bills

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

Correspondence

None

Referrals

Chairman Urban said there are no new referrals to the Conservation Commission.

Chairman Urban explained to the commissioners that the referral for 13 Smith Street is clarified. There is no problem with that site. He said the high water table and aquafer discharge area is located on the site next to this site. He said it was a misunderstanding as to which parcel they were talking about.

Alderman Carroll advised the commission on 20 George St. referral. He said the Land Sales Commission met and will recommend to the Board of Aldermen the sale of the stretch of land (driveway) to the home owners whose house is located at the end of the "driveway". It is a paper street that was never maintained by the City of Ansonia and never used by the City of Ansonia. It is 12' wide and 50' long. The strip of land goes to the owner's house. It will be put back on the tax rolls.

Alderman Carroll said they removed the property on Shortell Drive/Hill Street because it is not owned by the City of Ansonia and they can't transfer property they do not own.

Seymour Land Trust

Chairman Urban asked Alderman Carroll for an update on the Seymour Land Trust.

Alderman Carroll said he is a Warden and Board Member of the Seymour Land Trust. He said the donation of \$5,500 that he received from Farrel's has been given to the Seymour Land Trust. They have ordered the park benches and tables and garbage cans for the Fountain Lake Commerce Park. These items will be delivered to Ansonia Armory for storage until the Spring. The Seymour Land Trust will put them together. There are picnic benches for the Ansonia side of the Fountain Lake Park – one will be placed on the dock and one near the dam. He said there is money left over for benches. The garbage cans will be placed by the dock and dam and one on the Seymour side and one by the covered bridge.

Alderman Carroll explained that Public Works will install a fence by the dam before the covered bridge for safety reasons. The Ansonia Board of Aldermen will go to the Seymour Selectman Meeting to ask them to install a fence on their side of the dam for safety.

Mr. Cassetti read a post card notice of events he received from the Seymour Land Trust. There will be a Christmas party, a Santa visit and a New Year's Eve party. They are asking for a donation for the Food Bank. The New Year's Eve party is \$25 per person.

Alderman Carroll said the fireworks display for Santa's visit is fabulous. The Seymour Land Trust spent \$3,000 for fireworks and the company donated another \$4,000 in fireworks. The display is absolutely fantastic.

There was discussion on fireworks and fireworks displays and how they work. Chairman Urban stated safety is the utmost issue for all fireworks displays.

Any other business to come before the Commission

2017 Meeting Schedule

Chairman Urban discussed changing the meeting day from Tuesday night to Wednesday night.

Mr. Cassetti made a motion to change the meeting date from the third Tuesday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month (first preference) or the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

November Meeting Date

Mr. Cassetti made a motion to change the Tuesday, November 15, 2016 monthly meeting to Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Pergola seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Adjourn

Mr. Pergola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Cassetti seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,


JoLynn Flaherty
Secretary