



CONSERVATION COMMISSION
City of Ansonia
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May 19, 2015

Regular Meeting

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Present: Frank Pergola, Vice Chairman
Randy Carroll
Joseph Cassetti
John Jones
Tim Holman

Absent: William Urban

Others present: Bill Gibson

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Pergola.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll and there was a quorum present.

Public Session

Vice-chairman Pergola asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Commission.

Bill Gibson was present. Mr. Gibson stated he was invited to attend the meeting this evening to see what Conservation Commission was all about. He said he would like to help out and work with the Conservation Commission should there be an opening.

Vice-Chairman Pergola asked three (3) times if there was anyone else who wished to address the commission.

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

Minutes

Mr. Carroll said that there is a correction on page 5 of the minutes as follows:

“Mr. Carroll said the last thing he has to report on is he was at a joint meeting with Mr. Scinto and Paul Zepp a representative from Farrell Corporation and at this meeting Mr. Zepp said he would be interested in putting picnic tables and chairs in Fountain Lake park for the employees and public to enjoy.”

Mr. Holman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 regular meeting with the correction. Mr. Joe Cassetti seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Bills

Mr. Jones made a motion to table all bills until the next meeting. Mr. Carroll seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Correspondence

None

Other business to come before the Commission

Mr. Carroll moved to send a letter to Paul Zepp regarding the picnic tables at Fountain Lake. Mr. Joe Cassetti seconded.

Mr. Cassetti asked if the tables were for the employees and they will be open for use by the public.

Mr. Carroll said yes, the tables will be there for the public and his employees.

Vice Chairman Pergola called for a vote. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Mr. Carroll asked that a letter be sent to Mr. Novak, Supt of PWD to ask for their help in removing the picnic table that is in Fountain Lake near the waterfall.

Mr. Holman made a motion to write a letter to Supt. Novak requesting Public Works assistance in removing the picnic table from the waterfall at Fountain Lake. Copy to Mayor Cassetti and Sean Rowley. Mr. Joe Cassetti seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Holman said he will mention the above to Supt. Novak tomorrow.

Mr. Carroll made a motion to send a letter to Mayor Cassetti asking him to contact Seymour's First Selectman to ask him if someone from Ansonia Conservation Commission can be appointed to the Seymour Land Trust. This appointment would serve to keep Ansonia Conservation Commission and the Board of Aldermen updated on the activities of the open space land in the land trust. Mr. Joe Cassetti seconded. All in favor, so carried.

There was discussion on the By-laws of the Seymour Land Trust and the Ansonia property that is currently in the land trust. Mr. Joe Cassetti explained that the Seymour Land Trust is a committee and he said there should be no problem asking for a representative from Ansonia Conservation to serve on this Board.

Mr. Carroll said he hikes this property and there is damage from the all-terrain vehicles that ride through the property. He said the Conservation Commission has posted signs stating these vehicles are prohibited from this property but the signs have been removed within 24 hours of their posting. He said he also paid for signs and put them up only to have them removed also. These ATV's are destroying the property.

Mr. Carroll discussed the logging that was done on the State owned property in Seymour, Ansonia and Woodbridge. He said the property is owned by the State of Conn. And they are allowed to log but if a representative from Ansonia was on the Land Trust Board Ansonia Conservation Commission would know what was happening on the property.

Mr. Pergola asked about the liability at Fountain Lake Park and who is responsible.

Mr. Carroll said there was a drowning at the Lake and it was determined the person was swimming on the Seymour side. The Land Trust took the property and they assumed the liability.

Mr. Carroll said he contracted former Mayor Clifford and asked him if the property could be used for non-recreational use. He said it could be used for passive recreation and nothing can be motorized.

Mr. Carroll said he went to a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting last evening and it was cancelled. There were about 40 people there because the Castle Lane Subdivision is coming back. He said there was no notice that the P&Z meeting was cancelled.

There was discussion on the previous application that was submitted for Castle Lane Subdivision.

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Mr. Carroll said that the Conservation Commission can't do anything until there is an application presented with a subdivision and site plan and maps. He said the new applications have to go through Inland Wetlands and Planning & Zoning and be referred to Conservation Commission.

Mr. Carroll said he attended the P&Z meeting last month and there was a Board of Aldermen referral for 64-78 Pulaski Highway where the owners wanted to sell the land to the City of Ansonia for open space. He said there is a question on how many acres the site is – 30 acres or 15 acres. He said there was a subdivision previously proposed for this site.

Mr. Carroll said 135 Hill Street was also at the P&Z meeting as a referral from the Board of Aldermen. He said the former owner of this property kept the property open space during his lifetime and always wanted the property to remain open space. He said the commission walked this property when there was a proposal to build an Age Restricted Subdivision (50 years and older).

There was a discussion on 135 Hill Street and the proposed site plan for an Age Restricted Subdivision and the effect the development would have the wetlands and wildlife.

Mr. Joe Cassetti said that he left a message for Marianne Machowski who is an owner of the property telling her about the Conservation Commission meeting because she wanted to attend the meeting. He said he thought that she would be at this meeting.

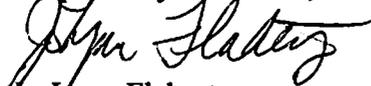
Mr. Carroll said he invited Bill Gibson to the meeting this evening because Mr. Gibson would like to get involved with helping the City and he is interested in conservation and the environment.

Mr. Carroll made a motion to write a letter to Mayor Cassetti requesting he appoint Bill Gibson to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Joe Cassetti seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,


Jo-Lynn Flaherty
Secretary