



CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
**City of Ansonia**  
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June 17, 2014

Regular Meeting

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Present: Frank Pergola, Vice-Chairman  
Randy Carroll  
John Jones  
Luanna Plocha

Absent: Jennifer Draus  
Tim Holman  
William Urban

The regular meeting of the Ansonia Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Pergola.

The secretary called the roll.

There was a quorum present.

### **Public Session**

Mr. Carroll said that Mr. Jeremy Nocerino was going to attend the Conservation Commission meeting this evening to discuss tree planting along Main Street in front of 36-88 Main Street. He asked if Mr. Nocerino could speak later in the meeting under Public Session.

Vice-Chairman Pergola asked three (3) times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Commission. There being no one, he said the Public Session will be continued to later in the meeting.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Carroll made a motion to accept as written and place on file the minutes of the March 18, 2014 Meeting. Ms. Plocha seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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## **Bills**

None

## **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. Soil & Water Newsletter – Summer 2014
2. Legal Opinion #3 from Corporation Counsel Marini

There was a discussion on the Legal Opinion received from Corporation Counsel on “Discussions regarding performance of municipal employees”, Executive Sessions, Freedom of Information and protocol at meetings.

## **Land Trust – R. Carroll**

Mr. Carroll said he was successful in getting the ATV Vehicle ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen. He said he attended the Ordinance Committee meetings to request that an ordinance be passed to prohibit ATV vehicles at City parks. His concern was the ATV vehicles that are riding on the trails at the Fountain Lake Park and causing damage to the park.

Mr. Carroll said he has been in contact with the Seymour Land Trust and Mr. Danka told him that they have a day and night warden who patrols the park. This warden has the power to arrest if necessary.

There was discussion on the letter that was sent by the Conservation Commission to the Seymour Land Trust requesting information pertaining to the documents when the Fountain Lake Park open space land was put into the Seymour Land Trust. Mr. Carroll said that they told him they have these documents and they would be happy to give a copy to Ansonia Conservation Commission. He said there are eleven deeds on the Fountain Lake property and there is not one deed that says Ansonia turned over their open space at Fountain Lake Park to the Seymour Land Trust. He said he did research on the open space at the time it was supposedly turned over to the Land Trust and found that passive recreation is allowed at the Park.

Vice-Chairman Pergola said that the Commission should send another letter to the Seymour Land Trust requesting the information on Ansonia’s Open Space.

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Mr. Carroll made a motion to send another letter to the Seymour Land Trust requesting a copy of any information they have regarding the documents on putting Ansonia's Open Space at Fountain Lake Park into the Seymour Land Trust. Ms. Plocha seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Mr. Carroll explained what happened to the signs prohibiting ATV vehicles at the Fountain Lake Park. He said that he put the signs up twice and twice they were taken down. The ATV vehicles are ruining the trails and the park. He said that was why he went to the Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

### **Any other business to come before the Commission**

Mr. Carroll said that Mr. Jeremy Nocerino came before the Historic District Commission meeting because he wants to plant trees on the sidewalk in front of the building that he purchased. The building is 36-88 Main Street and Mr. Nocerino wants to restore the façade. This building is located in the State of Connecticut Historic District and would need a State of Connecticut permit. He said Mr. Nocerino would have to secure a permit from the State of Connecticut before he does any work on the façade of the building.

There was discussion on the restoration work that Mr. Nocerino wants to do on this building. Mr. Carroll said that there is a procedure that must be followed by the Historic District Board in order for Mr. Nocerino to get a City Permit. He said it may take six months for the entire process before a permit is granted. He must also get a State of Connecticut Permit in this Historic District.

Ms. Plocha made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Nocerino advising him that he must make application to the Historic District and inquire about planting the trees on Main Street for the restoration of 36-88 Main St. and advise him that he must also appear before the Conservation Commission before planting trees per section 24-51 – 24-55.2 of the City Charter. Mr. Carroll seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Public Session**

Vice-Chairman Pergola opened the Public Session. He asked three (3) times if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the commission. There was no one.

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

### **New Business**

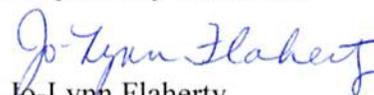
Ms. Plocha made a motion to cancel the July 15, 2014 and the August 19, 2014 meetings due to the summer vacation schedule. If there is a need for a meeting, the Commission will call a Special Meeting. Mr. Jones seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Ms. Plocha seconded. All in favor, so carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jo-Lynn Flaherty  
Secretary