

Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Minutes 6-6-23
450 Frank Lord Rd. 5:15 pm

Weezie Duda, Carrie Clancy, Pam Darrow, Cynthia Thornton, Peter Grace, Chris Clarke, Andy Richards- Peele, Linda Shelvey

1- Review of May minutes

Pam moved to approve, Chris seconded. All approved.

2- Treasurer's Report

\$737.93 remaining in budget

\$2600 or so in the Reserve Account

Discussion of 2023 Expenses:

Green Up total \$390.68

Bluebird Boxes \$21.00

Donations to Times of Shrewsbury and AVCC \$100.00

Walks and Talks presenter fees \$500.00

Maps for Welcome Bags \$127.00

Discussion of other possible expenses:

Weed extraction tool for invasives work- (about \$200)

Road Crossing Project Group gathering (should this be a potluck?)

Donations:

\$30.00 donation received after the Birding Walk and Talk- will go into Reserve Fund

(Cynthia will write a thank you note-)

Discussion of financial goal as regards our budget

Discussion of Reserve Fund.

Decisions:

a) Weezie moved to reimburse Alan Shelvey \$127.50 for 25 maps for the Welcome Bags.

Pam seconded. All approved.

b) Weezie moved to reimburse Pam for \$175.00 for weed extractor.

Linda seconded. All in favor.

3- Green Up Review

It went well!

There was a small misunderstanding as far as when attendants were to leave. This was resolved.

(Cynthia will write a thank you note to Michelle Suker for her generosity in regards to her food charges for Green Up)

Next year, we might emphasize the need to separate returnables from garbage.

4- Walk and Talks Etc.

a) Birding- a great event! Well attended.

b) Fern Walk, June 17th- Lynn Levine- only a few people have signed up so far.

Linda, Carrie will attend

Weezie will publicize via posters and Front Porch Forum

c) Martha Molnar book/discussion at library, June 9 @ 7 pm- SCC will provide refreshments.
Weezie will make ginger cookies and iced tea.

4- Bob Zaino Biodiversity information

Cynthia reviewed the topics discussed during the walk around Jockey Hill

5- Gary's Grove project

Maples, Hickory, Oak have been planted, as well as Red elderberry.
shrubs- winterberry, dogwood, viburnum

Pam and Mark Youngstrom have been watering them. Cynthia and Pam will update Margery Salmon as to the progress.

One end of the area needs a few more trees.

6- Invasives

Garlic mustard has been overwhelming.

Discussion of areas that have been worked on. It seems to be in areas where road sand has been spread

Knotweed- Andy is working on this, other invasives are also filling in.

By Pierce's, on Eastham- he is keeping knotweed in check

7- Welcome Bags

Still in progress. Weezie will gather a group to work on this.

8- Class 4 Roads

There will be a meeting of this committee soon

9- Discussion of Road Crossing/game cameras on Rte. 103

We enjoyed Linda's game camera photos from the Jeffords Forest

10- New Business

a) discussion of Green Up prize getting to out of town

b) Davis is still interested in being SCC junior member

c) Bluebird box feedback- Carrie will put a blurb in the Times soliciting feedback

d) SCC has been asked to be in the Shrewsbury Day parade dressed as members of the Civilian Conservation Corps by the Committee. Discussion.

Cynthia moved to decline, Carrie seconded. Peter, Weezie, Chris, Andy, Linda approved. Pam who abstained.

e) get questions for Jens Hilke regarding the Wildlife Road Crossing project to Linda

f) *Carrie has agreed to take over SCC secretarial duties. This will be added to the July agenda for a vote.*

Meeting adjourned: 6:36

Next meeting: July, 3 @ 5:15, 450 Frank Lord Rd.