Minutes of Conservation Commission Meeting
4:30 PM, March 5, 2020

Members: Rick Holloway*, Sandy Prisloe, Peggy Wilson*, Pat Woomer*, Margot Burns, Ted Taigen, Lisa Wahle (* = not in attendance)

Meeting called to order at 4:40pm

Minutes: Minutes of the January 2nd regular meeting and the January 22nd special meeting were unanimously approved. There were no minutes from February as that meeting had been canceled.

Audience of citizens: none present

Correspondence: Notice of upcoming CLCC annual meeting and Rockfall symposium

Old Business

a. Envirotips: Ted suggested a tip on squirrels – especially flying squirrels that often get into attics during the winter.

b. EnviroTips Publication: Ted, will send members electronic copies of tips that have been published and that were provided by Jenny.

c. Laurel Hill Cemetery overlook: Ted, reported that Rotary is moving forward with the project. He meet with Anna Sweeney and Eric Davison of the IWWC to review the site and the IWWC is ok with vegetation trimming to provide visual access of the creek from the observation platform. Rotary is seeking professional assistance with construction plans.

d. SustainableCT: Lisa reported that Grant Russell-Walsh has agreed to head Chester's Sustainability Committee.

e. Invasive Plants: It was agreed that the CC should establish an invasive plants committee. Lisa will be on it. Grant Russell-Walsh also agreed to serve. It was suggested that Felise Chrismann also be asked to serve.

f. Vernal Pool Talk: Lisa reported that Hank Gruner will do the presentation at Masonicare at 7:00 pm followed by an onsite peeper walk - weather permitting. Ted will investigate how to get the word out to CES students.

New Business

a. Upcoming meeting at CLCC 3/21 and Rockfall 3/26 were discussed.
Adjournment: 6:10 PM

Next meeting April 2 at 4:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Prisloe for R. Holloway