

Rochester Conservation Commission

Minutes of August 23, 2017

Approved 10-25-17

Members Present:

Mike Dionne Merry Lineweber Kevin Sullivan Jack Hackett
Mark Jennings Sheila Lulek Keith Johnson

Members Absent:

Barbara Soley Michael Kirwan

Staff: None.

Mr. Dionne convened the meeting at 6:30pm

1. Conservation Overlay District:

a) 20 Industrial Way, Map-Lot 230-19, LAARS Warehouse Construction After-the-fact Wetland Buffer Impact

LAARS was represented by Rick Lundborn of Norway Plains. Mr. Lundborn explained the problem that occurred during construction. Two separate wetlands were connected during a rainstorm thus creating a single wetland. Present construction would now have an impact into the buffers. Jack Hackett made a motion to support the conditional use permit for the after-the-fact wetland buffer impact at the LAARS warehouse construction site. Keith Johnson seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

b) Chestnut Hill Rd, Cindy Balcius from Stony Ridge, Prospect Mountain Rd. Wetland Scientist Ms. Cindy Balcius presented a project to replace two (2) 18 inch culverts with a 5 ft X 3.5 ft box culvert with live bottom. Kevin Sullivan made a motion to support the application of the minimum expedited wetland disturbance of 613 sq ft. Merry Lineweber seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

2. Dredge and Fill Application/Wetland Permit Application:

a) 24 Jeremiah Lane, Map-Lot 223-21, Real Estate Advisors Inc., 53-Lot conservation subdivision proposal involving onsite and offsite wetland impacts.

Wetland Scientist Ms. Balcius presented an update to the offsite improvements being made by Real Estate-Advisors. Sheila Lulek made a motion in support of Seth's letter to DES. Seconded by Merry Lineweber, the motion passed as all voted in favor of it.

3. Minutes: The minutes of July 26, 2017 were reviewed and edits suggested. A motion to accept minutes with changes was made by Kevin Sullivan, seconded by Keith Johnson, all voted in favor.

4. Correspondence: (emailed/sent prior to meeting):

a) Waste Management's proposed Isinglass River Park modifications.
This change of location was favored by the members who went on the site walk (Mark, Keith, Mike D., and Kevin). Con Com members supported the change.

5. Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber / Intent to Excavate: None.

6. Reports: a) Technical Review Group report. Mr. Jennings reported that no TRG meetings had been held between Con Com meetings. The next scheduled TRG meeting was for 8/24/2017.

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7. Discussion: a) Members updated their contact information. b) Merry Lineweber brought the Rochester Radar Article about Scruton's Ten Rod Rd Farm. It was also mentioned that the City DPW road and drainage projects at Congress and Wakefield St. have been cancelled by City Council. d) Questions for Staff: Is DPW maintaining Rain Gardens? Do the gardens have Operation & Maintenance Plans?

8. Old Business: Mr. Johnson asked about having the City's media rep mention the Rain Gardens. b) Ms. Lineweber mentioned that the members should have a bio they could share with the members and also have a barbeque so that members could get to know each other.

9. New/Other Business: None scheduled

10. Adjournment: Mr. Dionne motioned to adjourn; Mr. Sullivan seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Jennings, Conservation Commission member