

Meeting Minutes for the 8/3/2019 Conservation Meeting Rev. 1

-Call to order Chairman Bill Zimmerman 1:00pm

- Roll Call: Larry Bacci, Jeff Cattin, Frank DeBolle, Brian Deutschel absent excused Mike Jolly, Greg Lewis, Adam Lucas absent excused, Jim West, Bill Zimmerman, Bob DeMeulenaere(BOD Liaison), Ian Dockril (General Manager)

Approval of the May2019 CC Meeting Minutes.

Motion to approve minutes by Larry B., Mike J.. Motion passed 7-0.

Bill recognized horse barn folks, they are asking to postpone cut unit 1 34 acres. After much discussion Bill and Ian will bring the forester in. All interested parties will do a walk through and come up with a compromise plan.

Old Business

-Rules clarification on archery stand: Complete approved by the board.

-Bear Lake boat launch improvement: Ian D. is working with DEQ for a permit for next year.

-2019 Camera Survey: All volunteers have assigned fields. Some have asked Larry to move them to other locations because the fields aren't planted yet. Larry approved.

-Phase 2 Golden Winged warbler habitat improvement: Larry B. made a motion to go forward with the application, Jim W 2nd. Motion passed 7-0.

-2020 Budget: Bill will get with Brian to finalize the numbers.

-2019 Rifle season gate check: Greg will contact the teachers and kids again. Rhonda Romatz will work the gate and ask Helen Zimmerman to help. Discussion on how to find a biologist to hire, Bob DeMeulenaere will forward his old "Linked-in" posting to Ian.

-Forestry Services Contract: Ian will bring the current contract from Grossman for the CC to review.

To Do List (July)

Apply fertilizer – On going.

Finalize budget plan 2020 – Allocate money to spray and cut around the tower shoots, turkey feeders, and wild rice. Must be complete by Aug. 31.

Next year timber plans – On going.

Mail raffle tickets – Ian to mail with Next billing.

To Do List (August)

Plant fields and well sites – On going.

Fall deer survey Sept. 1-20 – Packages are ready.

Flush Bear Lake Dam

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Regular Item Reports:

- Trail Sports Committee – Denny talked about a possible antique snowmobile weekend.
- Lakes/Dams/Fish Stocking – Jim asked Bill to include money for wild rice. CO to come in for the beaver nuisance permit.
- Budget: Brian, Bill: Brian and Bill working on it
- Fields – Greg, Bill, Larry, Frank: Greg will purchase a new seed (Triticale), needs help picking it up in Ithica. Scott Grush may help.
- Timber – Brian, Bill, Adam: Archery range timber cut will be next hot topic.
- Turkey Feeders – Jim, Adam: Jim will investigate purchasing two new feeders from the Alpena Longbeards Turkey Club. Discussion on what to do with the large turkey feeders that aren't in use.
- Future Planning – Mike: No updates
- Pheasant shoots – Mike, Greg: Mike asked if hunters can hunt the preserve with other people's dogs. Question for Kyla.
- Surveys – Jim, Larry: Already discussed
- Hunters Roundup – Larry, Frank: Already discussed
- Articles – Brian, Jim: Jim's article on oak wilt, field planting, and ban on feeding deer went into the Aug. newsletter.
- Outside Resources – Mike, Bill: Mike stated Wildlife Turkey Federation raffled off 4 rounds of golf at Lost Lake and received \$450.
- Forest Health Issues – Mike, Greg, Adam, Jeff: Bill Z. found oak wilt spreading on 2 of the 6 sites we treated.
- Blind Committee – Larry, Bill, Frank, Jeff: No issues.

Open Forum

Wayne Romantz mentioned a few disgruntled members were asking him why archery and rifle rules are different.

Bill stated Huron Pines will spray for phragmites in Sept.

New Business

2019 DNR Habitat Improvement Grant Application – Scott Grush will bring Heather Shaw in to review the property and write the grant application for us. CC discussed giving Heather \$200 if she

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agrees. Larry B. made the Motion to pay Heather Shaw \$200 to write the grant for us. Jeff C., 2nd, motion passed 7-0.

Motion to Adjourn

Made by Larry B., 2nd Jim W., motion passed 7-0, 3:31pm.