

MEETING MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMITTEE March 11, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Dan Gauthier @ 10:30 a.m.

ATTENDEES: Scott Grush, Dan Failla, Bill Ruelle, Mike Jolly, Jim West, Brian Deutschel, Dan Gauthier, Greg Lewis

Absent Excused: Bill Zimmerman

February, 2017 meeting minutes were accepted Mike moved to accept, Brian 2nd, all approved.

Changes to Agenda: None

Old Business

Proposed survey 2017: Discussion and consolidation of questions continued with CC coming to a final document. Bill moved to accept, Mike 2nd, Motion passed 7 - 1 (Grush)
Motion amended to change the date of return to May 1. Approved 7-1.

GPS updates: Bill moved to send a BAR to the BOD requesting a rule change and include the new GPS sign in process, Mike 2nd, all approved.

Rules and Regs: Discussion was tabled until April.

Fish Structure workbee: 3 structures were built (two on Lost one on Badger). This project will be added to the February "to do list".

Field Sign workbee: A date was selected to work on field signs, March 25th @ 10:00 am.

Regular Item Reports:

Lakes/Dams/Fish: Bill R. Bill Z. - Bill Z. and Ed Thomson Jr. are in communication and will inspect water control devices soon.

Budget: Dan F., Brian - Capital budget may be revisited by the BOD.

Fields: Greg, Bill R. - Field slurry should happen soon at a cost of \$900 for 30 acres.

Timber: Scott, Brian - 2016-17 timber harvest is underway, much hauling remains. Dan G. asked when terry will be here marking timber. Scott will check.

Turkey Feeders: Dan G., Jim. - No deer since repairs - no turkeys either.

Future Planning: Mike, Brian - Nothing new to report

To Do List: Scott - Scott read the To Do list for March.

Pheasant shoots: Mike, Greg - Mike reports the hunts are moving along well. Emphasized that shot size and eye protection needs discussion.

Surveys: Dan G., Jim- Jim will distribute routes for the Spring survey.

Hunter's Round Up: Dan G, Bill R. - Safari club will get the raffle license for 2017.

Articles: Scott, Brian, Jim - Jim and Scott submitted articles for the next newsletter.

Outside Resources: Scott, Dan G., Mike, Bill - The is a Ruffed Grouse Society sportsmen's banquet in Alpena on April 8th. Scott and Dan will attend an American Bird Conservancy workshop in Gaylord, MI. on Wed., March 22.

Forest health issues: Mike, Scott, Brian - Eric Brandon- district forester- from the Alcona county Conservation district will visit the suspected oak wilt quarantine site on the 15th.

Blind Committee: Dan G., Bill Z., Dan F. - NNTR

Trail Sports Committee: Denny Gauthier, Bill Z. - NNTR

Open Forum

- No open forum comments or questions.

New Business

-Results of big buck contest: Three buck scores were submitted, Bill Zimmerman 115 4/8 Doug Wilson 110 0/8, Brian Deutschel 114 6/8.

Congratulations Bill.

Tree planting: Discussion of a possible conifer deer bedding area, Dan G., has a source for 1 gallon potted materials.

Guns for the raffle: It was decided that a savage .270 caliber and a Remington Versa Max 12 gauge obtained from Lincoln Outdoor center will be the raffle guns for 2017 Hunters Roundup. Dan G., will follow up.

Megan LeMarbe report: Megan attended the CC meeting with her final report and summation of the 2016 deer harvest.

Meeting Adjourned

Brian moved and Greg 2nd. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Submitted by Scott Grush, Secretary.