MEETING MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMITTEE August 5, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Vice- Chairman Dan Failla @ 1:05p.m.

ATTENDEES: Scott Grush, Dan Failla, Bill Ruelle,

Jim West, Greg Lewis, Bill Zimmerman, Brian Deutschel

Absent: Mike Jolly(excused) Dan Gauthier (excused)

Changes made to the July minutes: Brian moved to accept with amendments, Bill Z. 2nd, all approved. Motion carried.

Changes to Agenda: Added: Bear lake dock discussion under regular item reports lakes and dams.

Burning the preserve added under old business.

**Old Business**

Camera survey: Megan is running the survey currently, she has likely pulled cameras during the archery stand tagging Saturday to avoid any conflict with tampering.

Field sign update: Scott and Farmer Don installed 19 posts this morning Bill Z. will work on signage and numbers later in the weeks to come.

An order of approximately 15 new “No vehicles beyond this point in effect November 10 through 20” signs was directed to GM Dockrill. Scott will take a picture and Brian will make a template to send to the GM.

Tree plantings for 2018: Motion was made to limit the purchase to 200 units by Bill Z., Brian 2nd.

Discussion to consult with the forester about placement but if nothing was provided by planting date we had good enough working knowledge of historical deer yards we could place the stock in proper locations. All approved, motion carried.

Invasive species update: Scott spoke about Huron Pines wanting to make LLWC a test site for future phragmite treatment. Everyone agreed it would be a good thing. Scott will notify John Frye @ Huron Pines.

GWW project: Scott announced that the Golden Winged warbler project application was approved and pending Board approval we will sign the contract. Motion was made to send to the BOD for approval, Bill Z. 2nd, all approve the BAR will be sent.

Deer management plan: It was discussed the need for a plan, the planning is still getting off the ground. Brian will work with Megan to layout an outline for working through the process.

GPS update: Wayne Romatz asked for direction on what to do following October 1st and October 15th as those dates are milestones for blind tagging in LLWC rules. Wayne was instructed by the CC to remove all blinds that were not tagged by October 1 from the system but archive them for future reference.

Bill Z. made motion to publish a map of all approved blinds on LLWC property as of October 2, Jim 2nd, all approve motion carried.

Brian motioned to remove the kiosk from the lobby after 10-15-17 since tags are not to be distributed after that date per LLWC rules. Bill R. 2nd. Discussion followed and Brian amended the motion to leave it on the floor but turn off all functionality of approving forms allowing it’s use for reference only. All approved, motion carried.

Burning the preserve: Greg made motion to prepare the preserve for burning in 2018 by mowing a grid work across the Preserve fields, Bill Z. 2nd. Discussion followed with Bob Bastion volunteering to research this with Roger McNeill at the Lincoln DNR station and Greg with the township. Motion was tabled until further information is collected.

**Regular Item Reports:**

**Lakes/Dams/Fish**: Bill R. Bill Z. – Jim from the audience asked about a dock for Bear Lake. Discussion followed that included improvements and docking but at what cost? It was decided to await final budget on repairs at Lost Lake to get a good handle on what another project like this will cost.

Bill R. gave a fish stocking report, the fish have been ordered.

**Budget**: Dan F., Brian –Brian requests budget submissions from committee members.

**Fields:**  Greg, Bill R. – Greg gave a fields report says 53 acres of winter feed will be in the ground this Fall. We will be re-establishing some clover fields with a mix of oats and clovers. The buckwheat planted this Spring is looking tremendous.

**Timber**: Scott, Brian – Dan G.(through Scott)offered another forest certification through MAEAP. Everyone thought it was a good idea and we should pursue it. Scott asked Ian to generate a work order for Don @ Maintenance to mow the Terex trails prior to October 1.

**Turkey Feeders:** Dan G., Jim. –Jim is investigating alternative turkey feeders. He may have one that will work for us at a cost of $220 each. He will first attempt to modify the existing setup and have the DNR CO sign off on it prior to filling it with feed.

**Future Planning**: Mike, Brian - Nothing new to report.

**To Do List**: Scott - Scott read the To Do list for August.

**Pheasant shoots:** Mike, Greg – The bird cleaning hut has been completely eaten by porcupines.

**Surveys:** Dan G., Jim- Staffer Melissa provided the final updated version of Spring survey and it’s been sent to Nick for inclusion on the web page.

**Hunter’s Round Up**: Dan G, Bill R. – Bill R. says to “sell tickets” dates for Roundup dinner are the 15th, Burgers, brats, and bucks(buck pole) the 16th. And a social event at the Badger lake pavilion on the 18th.

**Articles**: Scott, Brian, Jim – Brian will supply a blurb about the Oct. 1 and Oct. 15 dates significance relating to blind tagging. Also, a article about the doe pool.

Scott will provide something regarding upland bird hunting.

**Outside Resources**: Scott, Dan G., Mike, Bill – RGS will be in soon to do some trail daylighting.

**Forest health issues**: Mike, Scott, Brian - A beech bark disease flyer has been posted in the lobby with other invasive species notes. Combing them into one e-blast was discussed.

**Blind Committee**: Dan G., Bill Z., Dan F. – Nothing new to report.

**Trail Sports Committee**: Denny noted that the adopt a trail program is off and running. The work bee crews have put in many hours but they can always use more hands helping. H trail is complete from Wolf Rd. to the culvert and some new signage stating fragile trail are in order.

**Open Forum**  Bill Z. asked about a section of trail that has long been closed and it was determined why because it was soft ground and gas lines ran under it close to the surface.

**New Business** Enlarging field #33 was discussed: Greg asks that Terry from Grossman forestry call him. Greg thinks adding 3 to 3.5 acres to the field will have many benefits.

Budget for 2018, deadline is August 31.

New member applications, deadline is November 15.

**Communications**

Terry Manty contacted Scott saying he is working on the conifer cover map, Scott provided him with Megan’s contact info.

Craig McManus emailed the CC about a flowering plant at the south end of Badger Lake. The concern was that it was an invasive plant intentionally distributed to all the lakes by a member. It was later determined that was not the case but brought up a good point about following club rules and NOT distributing aquatic vegetation into the lakes.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Brian moved and Greg 2nd.  Unanimous approval.  Meeting adjourned at 4:02p.m.

Submitted by Scott Grush, Secretary.