

Conservation Commission

8/1/ 2019

Memorial Building

7:00 p.m.

Note: These minutes are to be considered draft minutes until approved by the Conservation Commission.

Members Present: Bruce Allen, Marla Binzel, Emily Cleaveland, Patricia Allen-Shaw (Alternate). Bruce asked Patricia to serve as a voting member for this evening's meeting.

Bruce Allen opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of 7/11/19 were approved as written.

Town Lots:

Collins Park –

Saturday September 21st from 1-4 p.m. is the next work session for the Collins Park project. Marla will mention it at the next 250th Celebration meeting so interested members can participate.

Marla spoke with Peter Abair and he will contact her when his crew has some spare time that they can lend to a few tasks that are too big for the volunteers to handle out at the Collins Park project.

Outreach:

Old Home Day went well. There was a lot of interest in the information on invasive plants, and most of the Northern Bayberry plants donated by the Allens were eagerly taken by interested visitors to the booth.

The next Commission sponsored 250th hike is September 7th from 1-3 p.m. to the Kinsley Trail. No preregistration will be required for this hike as it is an easy hike and there is plenty of parking at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Tim had walked the trail prior to OHD and indicated in an email that some small trees had fallen across the trail and needed to be cleared before the hike.

The next 250th hike the Commission is sponsoring is to the Royal Arch on October 12th from 10 – 3 p.m. As this is a strenuous, 6-mile hike, starting in one place and ending in another (requiring cars to be staged at the end point ahead of time), **preregistration will be required**. People will be asked to call or email Daphne. Daphne and other available members of the Commission will do a test run of the hike to make sure the SKRG Committee is up to date on trail maintenance, and will clear any debris that is blocking the trail.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Marla Binzel

Action Items:

Marla will bring up the Collins Park work day at the next 250th meeting.

Daphne will check that the Kinsley Loop trail is ready for the hike.

Daphne and others will do a trial run of the Royal Arch Hike in September to ensure that everything is okay.