

TOWN OF MARILLA
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 4, 2009

I. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:49PM.

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Pat Blarr, Jim Hopper, Debbie Beats, Bud Pearce

Fred Specht, Town Board Representative

II. Welcome

Roger welcomed new CAB member Dan Williams.

III. Approval of Minutes

Roger asked if all members had the chance to review June's minutes. Jim Hopper moved and Debbie seconded to accept the June minutes as written.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

IV. Reports from Members

- Jim Hopper reported that while spending time in the Town Park he was asked if there are any maps/paths for use. Roger informed that those are two tasks CAB has been working on. At June's meeting Tim Mather, Eagle Scout, plans to build an informational kiosk for the park for his Eagle Scout Project. Debbie will stop by Tim's home to inquire on the status of this project. She will let Roger know. Jim Hopper volunteered to draw a map of the park that can be included as information for the park kiosk. Jim hopes to have the map completed in time for the Town Ag Day, 9/20.
- Fred Specht reported no updates. He did ask Roger to communicate with Jason Engel regarding PACE status on the state level.
- Roger presented an overlay drawing of the Phase I Walking Path for the Town Park. Roger and Jim drew up this information and it provides detailed measurements for the distance of this path: Path A – Distance – 2180 feet (approx); Path B – Distance – 1145 feet (approx) – additional; Total Path Distance (both paths) – 3105 feet (approx) – over ½ mile; If each Path is done separately – Total path surface – 3325 feet (approx). CAB added suggestion that the WIDTH of the path be approximately 6-7 feet. Other suggestions: Construct path A as first step with path B to be constructed in future; possibly have path A weave around plantings, trees, benches, exercise stations, etc., rather than long straight runs. Concerns: maintenance issues; required measures to ensure safety from cars near parking lot and at drive way crossing. Regarding maintenance issues, Fred informed that the Parks Dept and Highway Dept are responsible. Next step with this information: 8/11 Fred will present this overlay and accompanying information to the Town Board. Board will make decisions. Then Board will contact Highway Superintendent. Money will be budgeted.

V. New Business

- Ag Day – Roger informed that Ag Day is Sunday, September 20th. From 1-5 pm. He will provide his tent. CAB will use a town hall table to display our new banner, and other informational paperwork including maps. Roger will ask Highway Superintendent if CAB can borrow the one extra “Right to Farm” sign to display. Roger asked for other suggestions for our booth. All members to email/call Roger if can volunteer at Ag Day and the times. Jim Hopper would like to have a survey of the town park to use for the map he would like to create for Ag Day.

VI. Adjournment

Jim Hopper moved and Bud seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Blarr
CAB Clerk