

JOHNSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2023

Present: Lois Frey, Sue Lovering, Jared Jasinski, Dean Locke, Noel Dodge, Denise Ashman, Peter Hammond

Absent: Jackie Stanton, Aurora River

There was no meeting in July. The June meeting minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There wasn't one.

Expenses coming up: the bottom post on Beard's stairs needs to be replaced. Peter will price cedar and Dean will price a PT 4x4. Peter will fix the post by August 31.

JOURNEY'S END

The picnic table has been trashed and we need to get the pieces out. Since it may happen again, we decided to not replace it.

POLLINATOR PROJECT

Due to a personnel change at Bee the Change, things are backed up. The latest news is that the new tilling guy will do it during the last week of August. The plan is to turn it twice this fall and plant a cover crop, then plant wildlife-supportive wildflower seed in the spring.

The field flooded last month but has no damage. It needs to be mowed once before tilling and Mike the mower is out of commission, so Noel will do it.

BAT HOUSE INSTALLATION

The Wescom house is listing and needs to be supported at the base.

One more is to be installed at the Arb and possibly at the Skatepark. Noel has a laminated beam and plywood but needs 4x4s.

ASH TREATMENT

Sue reports it's all done and the bill is paid. It'll need to be followed up in 2025.

GOMO

It hasn't worked out with Ryan Speer for brush hogging yet. Noel will contact him.

As for the elusive kiosk, two 9-10' cedar posts are needed to hold up the pieces that are still in Dean's driveway. Peter will check prices and availability.

We could ask Ryan to carry those up when he hogs.

BAT VIDEO

Have costumes, will travel if it ever stops raining.

AUDOBON PRINTS

Ebay? Auction? Craigslist? Facebook Marketplace? We need to make a move and it looks like nobody wants to be responsible.

MISC

- Denise's timely, practical, and appreciated suggestion that we set end dates on projects was a winner.
- Where will we meet in the near future, since the Library and municipal building aren't available? Maybe we can get Jenna's Promise.

Adjourned at 7:40

Submitted by Sue Lovering, Secretary

Next meeting is on September 14, 2023, at the Masonic Temple at 6:30, by way of the Pearl Street door.