

BAKERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Unapproved Minutes, May 19, 2022, 5 PM
143rd Meeting

Call to Order: 5:08

Present for a Quorum: Alice Foote, Maura Horne, Alice Foote, Larry Krygier, Mary Lumbr, Carolyn Bronz

Approve Minutes of April 21st Meeting: Motion (AF, LK) passed

Financial Report – Mary Lumbr: No change, \$3684.68 in our account

Stream Naming/Petition Update: Pat has a petition for naming Bub's Brook he has started to pass around. We should put one in the Town Hall. We need a minimum of 25 signatures

Green Up Day Review: The Park is in good shape. Larry and Pat walked the entire trail and the Ball Field Trail. Found hardly any garbage. Picked up some wood, cut up a log blocking the trail. The Barn Open House, very few people came. No one wanted to tear it down, but we are still faced with the question of what to do with it.

Town Trails – Trail Marking Project:

- Shattuck Mountain Trail: Carolyn will order 150 markers and aluminum nails. June 4th is our date, weather depending, for our first outing to install the markers. It will probably take several outings to mark all three trails. We could use more people.
- Alice says Skinner Hill Road is a trail in the Egypt area up to Kathy Westcom's house. The town has signs to keep ATV's out of there, so it's for horses, bikes, and foot traffic. We could put an official sign up there to designate it as a Town trail.
- A company is doing some logging at the end of Kings Hill Road. They want permission to put in culverts. Years ago we had some trail work done there. The trail meets the Stagecoach Road coming up from 108. A bridge is out. We will have to go map it out in order to add it to our Town trails.

Town Park – Portalet, Gazebo/Pavilion and Kiosk Updates:

- Larry got the Portalet ordered May 25 to Sept 28. \$125/month. The Town and the Cemetery Commission will each sponsor one month. The BCC picked up one month last year; we can do that again. Who else? Maybe the Church? Maura has had some interest from people wanting to do a little market in the park. A lot of people would like more events to go on in the Town. There's no bathroom at the school for people who attend games. So our Portalet is a necessity. Maura will check with Sharon to see if the Church will sponsor a month.
- Larry is moving forward on the Kiosk project to install hinged Plexiglas.

Pollinator Garden Tasks and Dates:

- Thursday June 9 to buy non-cultivar native plants from Riverberry Farm in Fairfax. Larry is offering his truck. Saturday June 11 to start planting right through the cardboard, and later we will spread topsoil.
- Alice says Linda McCall has extra plants to offer; we will just make sure they are attractive to pollinators. Carolyn has second year non-cultivar perennials to contribute

Gravel Pit Property – Renee Reiner update: She will be attending one of the upcoming Selectboard meetings to discuss the possibilities of purchasing part of this property in order to conserve it. She may want our commission to draw up a formal letter of support.

Legislation for Energy Efficiency Upgrades report: The legislation has passed for funding energy efficiency projects and Gov. Scott is expected to sign. These projects include E-car charging stations, and municipal building upgrades. We are in contact with the point person on this – Tyler Deshong, who will notify us when it's time to apply. First step would be assessing the Town Hall and the Brigham Library for what kind of energy upgrades these buildings need. Also a location would need to be designated for a charging station, which should be close to a municipal building with an appropriate electrical service panel. We will have to make the Selectboard aware of this initiative. NW Regional Planning should be involved also. Linda McCall is now one of two members representing our village on the FC Northwest Regional Planning Commission. Bill Irwin is the other member.

Upcoming Event Reminders, Announcements, Public Comment: on Wednesday June 1 at 6:30 at the Montgomery Grange Hall, Nancy Patch will present information on the Emerald Ash Borer and what can be done to save our ash trees.

Sights and Sounds of the Season: Maura has an app on her phone that records bird sounds and it identifies what bird. It's called Merlin Bird ID. And she highly recommends it. Hummingbirds are here; they alternate attacking each other and dancing. They're fun to watch. Spring is bursting out! Things are growing inches a day.

Date for Next Meeting: Thursday June 16, 5 pm

Adjourn: 5:55