

Town of Pendleton
Conservation Board

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm
Town Board Room

I. **Meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Chairwoman Sara Siracuse.** Members in attendance: Sara Siracuse, Amanda Irons-Rindfleisch and Annmarie Reeb. Absent: Andrew Harrison, and Deke Lemieux. One member of the public.

II. **Amendments, Additions and Deletions to Agenda - None**

III. **Approve Minutes of June 14, 2018.**

June 14, 2018 minutes

Motion A. Irons-Rindfleisch; Second A. Reeb; Opposed none; Motion carried.

IV. **Public Input -**

Resident, Greg Metzger, brought forward two concerns:

1. Erie Canal maintenance – Clear cutting of trees (provided copy of Buffalo News article from 6/25/18). Will clear cutting of trees along the canal occur in our Town? This was already addressed to the Town Board by Mr. Metzger.
2. Removal of Ash trees – Resident requested more information.

Mr. Metzger also stated he would donate several Conservationist magazines to the board.

V. **Correspondence – None**

VI. **Unfinished Business:** See June 14, 2018 minutes for items tabled.

VII. **Current Business**

Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) List – S. Siracuse, A. Irons-Rindfleisch and A. Reeb worked on the Pendleton NRI List. It was found that a lot of the information available was specific to Niagara County and not Pendleton. This is still being worked on for presentation at the August 9, 2018 meeting. Then will regroup with Open Space mapping members to address next steps.

Open Space Mapping – members absent. Email from A. Harrison was read by chair, addressing possible training through Sea Grant and updated information on map corrections from last meeting.

VIII. **Board Member Discussion**

A. Irons-Rindfleisch -

Unable to obtain a copy of the powerpoint presentation from the NYSDEC training. Requested from the NYS Conservation Association more information about their annual meeting.

S. Siracuse -

Consideration needs to be given to brownfields and toxic sites for open space mapping. Requested to invite Don Bergman to our August 9, 2018 meeting for overview and questions on budgeting specific to our board.

Motion S. Siracuse; Seconded A. Irons-Rindfleisch; Opposed – None; Motion Carried.

Requested that Open Space mapping committee provide all finished maps to the board at the August 9, 2018 meeting, including resources. No further mapping of new areas until the August review. Members in attendance agreed.

D. Britton – Town Engineer – provided the blank maps as requested.

A. Reeb -

Requested future discussion on Underground Storage Tanks regarding Open Space mapping.

IX. **Expectations for Next Meeting**

Prepare Open Space Maps for presentation to the board – V. Lemieux and A. Harrison
Pendleton NRI List completion and presentation to the board – S. Siracuse, A. Irons-Rindfleisch and A. Reeb

Discussion of Open Spacing and next steps.

Chair will follow up with Town Supervisor, Joel Maerten on request from Mr. Metzger re: Erie Canal Maintenance and Ash trees. If necessary, chair will contact Canal Corp. directly. Chair will also email request for Budget Officer, Don Bergman, to attend next meeting.

X. **Adjournment at 8:01 pm**

Motion A. Iron-Rindsfleisch; Seconded S. Siracuse; Opposed none; Motion carried.

Prepared by:

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