Town of Pendleton Conservation Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Oct 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm – Zoom Remote Meeting

I. Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm

Members in attendance: Tobias Fronmuller (TF), Jessica Glaser (JG) and Andrew Harrison (ASH).

III. Public Input –

None present

IV. Correspondence -

None

VI. Unfinished Business:

Status of wells – Building inspector was contacted by TF – said that we should talk to assessor's office to get a date line of when the municipal water line went in and cross-reference with new-building permits that went in after the fact.

Grant funding – DEC isn't offering anything right now that Pendleton can apply for that would be relevant. This ushered-in a plan to keep on the search for 2021 – and to generate some general grant applications that could be steered and adapted for a given project, pending monies being earmarked at state and federal levels for specific conservation efforts. We began sketching-out targets to look for including:

proposals for conservation grants

- 1) microgrids
- 2) supporting native species
- 3) planting trees on public property
- 4) invasive species abatement
- 5) maintaining waterways
- 6) individuals/businesses investing in green energy
- 7) wind power behind the playground at the Town Park
- 8) community education/outreach

Conservation Corner in Town Newsletter

Articles

Town Website Blog

Laminate invasive species guide for locals (10 invasives)

Invasive Species Sweeps with Volunteer Groups (put on 2021 calendar)

Tools/Pickup trucks

- Phragmites
- Purple Loosestrife

Promotion of native species (10 natives)

- Red Oak
- Beech
- Wild asters
- Chicory
- Mustard

- Hawthorn
- Milkweed
- Sumac
- Willow
- Choke Cherry

Comparisons of Genesee, Niagara, and Erie County Soil and Water offerings

VII. Current Business

Generate a list of desirable native species and undesirable non-native species that we can get out to the public, generate interest in community planting projects, eradiation efforts for non-native plants, etc. Stress the ecological value of certain plants that may encourage desirable birds etc.

VIII. Member Discussion

Looking up tree sales from other regions besides the Niagara County Soil and Water Conservation district, compare what other regions have available and determine if there might be public interest in other varieties in Pendleton.

X.	Adjournment at 7:41			
Motion	ASH; Seconded TF Opposed	0	; Motion carried.	