

Melrose Conservation Commission

Minutes for September 2, 2010

Present: Susan Murphy, Kevin Anderson, Joe Nerden, Kate Hickey, Richard Doucette and Steve Locke

Staff: Kathy Morgan

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Discussions

Victorian Fair

The Commission has bought a table again this year at the Victorian Fair and Mrs. Murphy asked if members could give some time at the table:

Kathy 10-11, Kate 11-12, Kevin 12-1, Steve 1-2, Susan 2-4

Kennedy Land

Mr. Kennedy, a developer, has several parcels of land in Melrose and met with Denise Gaffey, Planning Director, and Susan Murphy and Kathy to propose selling some of his property to the City of Melrose. Mr. Kennedy's range is approximately \$400,000-\$600,000, whether the City wanted to buy a couple of parcels or all. Mr. Locke said that he could look into TPL, a lending source.

Aquatic Control

Mrs. Murphy advised members that we would not be doing the treatment for purple loosestrife this year because of a mix up with Aquatic Control and the time period for treating purple loosestrife has passed.

7:45 PM – Continued Public Hearings

Mt. Hood Memorial Park & Golf Course – ANRAD (217-0179)

Mr. Doucette moved to continue the Public Hearing for Mt. Hood Memorial Park & Gold Course to September 16, 2010. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously in favor.

Other Business

Mr. Locke suggested advertising at the Victorian Fair the possibility of gathering support for the Community Preservation Act to buy land when it becomes available.

Mr. Locke asked if Parks & Recreation had done anything with the loop trail at Mt. Hood. Mrs. Murphy said they have established rules & regulations for the trails. Mr. Dittmer, who was going to speak to the Commission on trail bike riding at Mt. Hood, looked into the use and abuse of mountain bikes on trails and as a result didn't find much to support his argument against it.

Conservation Grant Monies

At a meeting sometime ago, it was believed that there was still grant money that hadn't been used up that members talked about using to fix the parking area at Flagg Acres entrance. In checking with the City Auditor, there were a couple of grants; Urban Forestry Grant obtained in 9/08 for approximately \$7,000, that was used up and a Lakes & Pond Grant, obtained in 5/02 for \$10,471.99, that was used up. Kathy will look into the Conservation Maintenance budget and see if there are sufficient funds to still go ahead with the repairs to the Flagg Acre parking area.

Conservation Commission Logo

Members talked about having a contest to come up with a Conservation Commission logo.

Adjourn

Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, seconded by Mrs. Hickey, and voted unanimously in favor.