

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CLAIRE GEMPP DAVIDSON MEMORIAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, MISSOURI
AND THE LINDBERGH HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Claire Gempp Davidson Memorial Conservation Commission of the City of Sunset Hills, Missouri and Lindbergh School District met in the Public Works Conference Room at City Hall, 3939 S. Lindbergh Blvd., in said City on Monday, November 5, 2007. The meeting convened at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Jim Koeger	-Chairman
	Jan Hoffmann	-Member
	Brian McKenney	-Member
	Mary Fischer	-Member
	Steve Tomey	-Member

Others present: Gerald Brown, Herb Pyne, Catherine McGrane and Tamie Yegge

It should be noted that two Environmental Science students, Brittney and Shelby were present. Therefore, the members addressed Student Projects as their first order of business.

Britney and Shelby stated that the students that work on the property would like to extend the trail that travels through the prairie down to the wetlands. The trail distances would be 30 feet by 12 feet by 68 feet. Benches would be purchased by fundraising. They would also like to have signs that direct visitors which way to go for which section of the prairie. The students stated that they would use the existing plants for studies such as Botany. The time frame extends through the spring.

Mr. Tomey made a motion to approve the extension of the trail as per the plan put forth by the Lindbergh students. Mr. McKenney seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes of the August 21, 2007 meeting were distributed to the members for their review. Alderman Hoffmann made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted. Ms. Fischer seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

A. UPDATE ON STUDENT PROJECTS

This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Brown stated that \$3,400 was removed from the budget. Reductions were made from tree removal, re-graveling the rock road, re-planting wild flowers, under story trees, removal of non-native plants and softfall material. Mr. Brown stated there is a total of \$19,000 in the budget, which is more than last year.

Mr. Brown stated the 2008 budget is anticipated to be approved by the Board of Aldermen at their December meeting.

B. AREA PLAN DISCUSSION

Mr. Brown made updates, in red, to the Area Plan. Mr. Brown stated he added a 2009 calendar for a one-year year plan. Mr. Brown requested all to review the plan so it can be discussed in February.

There was discussion that the area plan should not be started until all the honeysuckle was gone. There was discussion if there is approval of TSI. There was opposition to the TSI of all 10 acres.

There was discussion to start TSI in the Sugar Maple Area or where the giant fur oak grows. There are 3 or 4 areas that TSI could be implemented. There was discussion to have a meeting with the residents that would be affected by the TSI. There was further discussion regarding sending an informational letter to the neighbors and the Board of Aldermen regarding TSI.

There was a comment that educational signage would be a good choice.

There was a suggestion of introducing snakes to the wetlands for a reduction in bullfrogs. There were comments that the bullfrog population would thin itself out.

There was discussion on the two islands in the wetlands. There was discussion of what can be done about the drought.

There is no potential damage to the dam due to the drought.

There was discussion of an issue of poaching on the property. The population of adult bull frogs went from about 200 to 15. A large net was found and some senior citizens saw men catching the frogs. There was discussion that motorcycles are driving down the pathways. There was a discussion on how to deter or catch poachers in the act in the wetlands.

There was discussion of the concern for the species of golden rod that are not good for the area. It is easily pulled up after a rain, and burning is not an option for that area. Anytime is a good time to up root the golden rod.

Information was distributed to the members regarding golden rod. There was a comment that a nursery owner in Jefferson City said the best thing for golden rod was complete removal.

There was discussion that all of these ideas be incorporated into the Area Plan, send it out by email, and have the final plan by the February meeting.

C. 2008 MEETING DATES

Tuesday, February 19, 2008
Tuesday, May 20, 2008 (walk-through)
Tuesday, August 26, 2008
Tuesday, November 18, 2008

- * All meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.
- ** All meetings will be held in the Public Works Conference Room in Sunset Hills City Hall with the exception of the May 20, 2008 meeting which will be held at the property located at 9227 Sappington Road.

OTHER MATTERS DEEMED APPROPRIATE

There was discussion about offering Saturday classes. The class has the maximum number of students, which is 14. There are two more classes on November 10th and 17th at 9:00 a.m. Parents have praised the classes. It is a very good way to use the property. There was a suggestion to place an article in the city's newsletter for advertisement. There was comment made that residents may also have an interest in a class.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Recording Secretary,



Laurie Govreau