

Lancaster Commission on Disability Meeting Minutes June 17, 2014

LCC Senior Center

Members Present: Mike McCue, Chair; Lesley Allison (at 7:00 pm), Rose Bissionette, Marilyn Chambers, Sue Smith, Carolyn Stump

Meeting Called to order by Mike at 6:07 pm

1. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 20, 2014 MEETING

a. Approved May 20 minutes

2. Town Matters: Thayer Campus Activity, OSRC, Trails / Eagle Ridge, LCC Elevator, River Terrace, and other businesses updates.

a. Thayer Campus Activity

i. Mike reported, "No new information, except there is more activity planned for various parcels."

b. OSRC

i. No new information

c. Trails / Eagle Ridge

i. Mike went on Eagle Ridge Trails Walk and reported the following information.

1. The entrance is between 2 houses near 369 Sterling Road into Eagle Ridge Conservation area. The path is flat at the entrance, then rises, opening into a meadow. The Boy Scouts have planted a Sugar Bush, which is supervised by Ken Raposa. Each tree has signage designating which Scout planted it.
2. Ken is seeking information from the COD in developing Handicap Accessibility appropriate hard-pack trails, and parking. He has also applied for a grant.
3. About half up Mary Catherine Drive on the Right is a gravel area, apparently originally meant for access to the trails area. However, there is a steep drop-off there, making it impossible to use this area as Handicap Accessibility.
4. There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> entrance off Nicholas Drive Circle (which has been expanded as an emergency access lane (for fire trucks etc). This emergency lane exits on George Hill Road and is gated at that point. There is a path through partial wooded area and cornfield on George Hill Rd.

ii. June 21 there will be a Trail Walk through the Cook Conservation area.

d. LCC Elevator

i. No new information at this time

e. River Terrace

i. No new information at this time

- f. Other businesses updates (by Mike)
  - i. Mike reports that Harper Farm and Garden is in the process of renovations to make the farm stand, on the corner of Route 117 & Ponakin Rd, Handicap Accessible.
  - ii. Nissan Motors main entrance doors are “California style doors”, and not Handicap Accessible due to being quite heavy to open. Yet apparently if the doors were easier to open, they could be easily caught by wind resulting in the danger of heavy glass breakage in the area.
  - iii. Prime Toyota is missing Handicap Parking signage post(s).
- 3. Accessibility Awareness Month, task document review/status etc.
  - a. Task document task and timelines reviewed – a work in progress to be routinely updated as tasks reviewed, change etc.
    - i. Carolyn and Lesley continue work on this
- 4. Other Issues
  - a. Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund
    - i. No new information at this time
  - b. Monthly Meeting Logistics
    - i. Conservation Committee switched to 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday meetings
  - c. MISC.
    - i. Fact Sheet Senate Bill 1869 “An Act Relative to the Architectural Access Board (AAB)”
      - 1. MA legislature bill information to match Massachusetts standards to Federal standards
        - a. Mike urged support of this bill
    - ii. News article regarding a \$50 articulating hand, “Sideboard Beast”, and made by a 3-D printer

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,