

Moreau Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Gina LeClair at 6:37pm. Present were Reed Antis, Ramona Bearor, Shelley Englert, Bill Granger, Tom Kurtz, Gina LeClair, Mary Meade, and Pat Walters. Mary Jenkins arrived at 7pm.

Gina LeClair discussed answers to questions raised by council members pertaining to the proposal to develop a portion of the Moreau Industrial Park Conservation Easement property. She advised the council that all aspects of maintenance would be decided by the Town Board, and that the last gas study was done in 1991. No gas monitoring is currently done, and the gas vents are simply for venting and pose no risk. She advised the council that the next step needed is to draft a recommendation to the Town Board stating our objective.

She then advised the council that a chairperson and secretary should be chosen. Mary Meade was elected Chair, and Ramona Bearor, Secretary.

Mary Meade assumed the duties of the chair.

Discussion followed about several aspects of a proposed park in the waterfront area of the Moreau Industrial Park Conservation Easement lands.

A question was raised about the terms of officers. Discussion followed with no definite answer. Gina Leclair to pursue the answer to how long officers serve.

Discussion then followed to determine the wording of the objective of the proposal. The stated objective is: "To develop the Moreau Industrial Park Conservation Easement lands into a year-round, passive recreation public use area."

Discussion then followed about several aspects of the proposal, which would be brought before the Town Board when the project is proposed, such as:

- safety—both to residents using the area and of the access roads
- access issues—road locations, parking
- uses that would be allowed—picnicking, hiking, fishing, any passive recreation

There was discussion on the necessity of cleaning up the dumped garbage and household cast-offs that are found in many areas.

A question was raised about the legality of the easement. Gina Leclair explained that the Town Attorney prepared the easement map and was comfortable with our legal right to use the land in this way.

Gina LeClair offered to take pictures of the land and also calculate mileage into the site.

It was decided that the council would formalize the proposal by email and that it would be presented to the Town Board on Tuesday, June 23, if we could get it on the agenda in time.

Discussion followed on possible development of a "Rail Trail" on abandoned railroad tracks within the town.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 6:30pm in the Moreau Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ramona Bearor, secretary
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