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Effingham Conservation Commission Meeting minutes, June 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. There were no guests or members of the public.

Organizational Issues:

- The May 6 meeting minutes were approved.
- Financial Report: Checks were issued for \$1,000.00 to the Province Lake Association for the Lake Host Program and \$294 to the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center via Kamal. The remaining balance in the 2019 budget is \$2,470.00. Chair will submit a request for \$850.00 for Effingham's share of the GMCG river testing program

Water Issues: None

Land Issues:

- Volunteers from ECC will conduct seasonal cleanups at the LLP and PRCP on either Monday, June 10 or Tuesday June 11, depending on which day has better weather, meeting at the LLP, Route 153, 9:30 a.m. The crew will proceed to the PRCP after the LLP is finished. Most of the work appears to involve only minor blowdowns. Chair will confirm by email.
- Kamal reported that he went to the PRCP with Johanna Vienneau and Wendy Scribner on May 16. Johanna identified 22 bird species. The group also catalogued shrubs and mosses, and located a grove of pitcher plants. Members debated whether to highlight the pitcher plants or simply mention their existence in interpretive signage. Consensus was that traffic should be discouraged. Wendy had already expressed this opinion.

Education and Outreach:

- Live animal presentation on June 22: Chair will post flyers around town, and has already contacted the Effingham Elementary School about sending the flyer to the PTO. Kamal sent the flyer to the event co-sponsors and to the KELP email list. Tim sent press releases to the Conway Daily Sun and the Carroll County Independent.. Chair suggests posting flyers around the street fair itself to direct people to the venue at the Effingham Historical Society. Kamal did a site check at EHS. The EHS event signage will show the EHS ice cream social and the ECC/SLNSC program. Signage will indicate event and time, without excessive detail. Kamal also described the room layout for presenters and audience. Al noted that the ice cream social will be set up to facilitate a quick take-down and transition to the live animal presentation. Special thanks go to EHS for their help and accommodation. SLNSC wants to arrive at 1 p.m. to begin setting up. ECC is still trying to secure a firefighter to have on hand in case audience exceeds the official room capacity. Volunteers are needed to help set up the room in time for the show.
- Tara Schroeder of GMCG had asked Kamal if ECC would like to co-sponsor an educational presentation at the Blue Heron House vernal pool, for students from Effingham Elementary School next year (2020). This would involve a financial

contribution to cover half the cost of the presenter, Rick van de Poll. Chair objected to the precedent of underwriting more and more things for the school, citing the established annual contribution to the Ferry Beach Environmental Camp, and the Earth Day Poster Contest. Members agreed to ask for more information before making a decision. Kamal will follow up and report back.

Other Business and Special Reports:

- Kamal gave a quick rundown on carnivorous plants in the state. His interest had been sparked by the pitcher plants. He described the hunting habits of two kinds of sundew, and bladderworts, which are also found in the area.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 1, at the municipal offices, School Street, at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Emelyn Albert (*Chair*); Al Levesque; Harry Libby; Kamal Nath; Tim White (*Recording Secretary*); Jack Williams (*Vice Chair/Treasurer*) Absent: Virginia Wrabel(*alt.*); Bill Wrabel (*alt.*)

The meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,
Tim White, Recording Secretary

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