

**DUFFERIN MARSH NATURE CONNECTION**

**Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, February 8th, 2018

Attendees: Mary, Charles, Dave, Brenda, Jen

Regrets: Eric, Angela, Joe, Elspeth, Terry

Time: 7:46 pm

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1. Minutes from January 11, 2018

Moved: Dave

2nd: Brenda

Approved.

1. Action Arising from Minutes
* Charles advised that the cleaning of shelter will be in the spring.
* Chestnut bag labeling – defer
* Bat detectors – Mary will order Bat detector
* Communications Meeting - defer
* Dave advised that the printing on the vests is completed. There are 13 vests of different sizes.

**Action: Mary** will order bat detector.

1. Treasurer Report

The bank balance agrees with the monthly financial statement. The only activity was the Paypal transfer. The fee to Paypal was $2.62. Brenda submitted her receipt for the hot dogs. Dave called for all other receipts as soon as possible.

**Action: Everyone** submit receipts for the skate as soon as possible.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report

Move: Jen

2nd: Dave

Approved.

1. Marsh Skate

All the tasks were confirmed. Dave will also bring a camera as the news paper asked for pictures. Mary suggested that we clean out the nest boxes while we are out there. Harry has already cleared the ice and says it is smooth. Mary sent out an email for the skate as the template is not ready yet.

It was agreed to meet at 1 pm to set up and clear ice (as it is suppose to snow again).

**Action: Mary** will bring the tools for cleaning bird boxes.

**Mary** will drop off 3 coffee carafes to Grackle on Saturday morning.

1. Great Backyard Bird Count

This is ready to go.

**Action: Mary** will send out the email for the bird count

1. Review and update any upcoming dates – see schedule below

The next event is Earth Hour on March 24 from 8:30 to 9:30 pm. A poster is required.

It was agreed that there would not be a lantern workshop this year but there would be a walk leaving from the library at 8:15 pm. The details to make laterns should be put on the website.

**Action: Mary** will ask Donna for a poster.

 **Brenda** will write up instructions to make lanterns.

**Jen** will put the instructions and poster on the website.

**Terry** will email out the instructions and poster.

1. Bird Feeder Trail

defer

1. Library Bags

defer

1. Vandalized Signs

defer

1. Insurance bundling subsidy from Township

defer

1. Schomberg Developments –66 Main St., OP Review

Mary advised that there is no new news on the Rosalina Dr. proposal. With regard to 66 Main Street the developer has appealed the designation to the Heritage Conservation Board and Charles is trying to set up a meeting to discuss the opportunities with the developer. The OP review is on-going. There are huge issues with the single family residential designation in the core area and with the proposed Special Development Area 2 on north Main Street.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water quality Test Strips

Mary advised that Linda needs more test strips with an approximate cost of $50 to $60.

Motion to approve the purchase of test strips at $60.

Move: Mary

2nd: Dave

Approved.

**Action: Mary** will order test strips

Move to adjourn: Charles

Time 8:35 pm

NEXT MEETING IS Wednesday, March 14th, 2018 at 7:30