

RARITAN TOWNSHIP WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES FOR June 14, 2018

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER AT: 8:59 am

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Louis Reiner x
- b. Brion Fleming x
- c. Amy Greene x
- d. Steve Della Vella x
- e. John Schrade x

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Barbara Sachau said hunting license sales are down with he younger generation.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. 125 trees were planted at the Walnut Brook Preserve. The cost of the trees came from grant money. There was a volunteer turn out to plant the trees. Local resident have been inspecting and watch over the trees for any damages that may occur.
- b. Permits will be needed from DEP and Township of Raritan to erect the fence enclosure in any wet lands or flood prone areas. We could be exempt if we get a forest management plan or wet land general permit for habitat enhancement.
- c. Brion Fleming does think we could build a parking lot at Hard Scrabble Preserve but says it will most likely not be done until the 2019-2020 hunting season.
- d. Doctor Kelly has recommended using the stronger metal fencing for our enclosure. The cost is \$10 a linier foot plus the gates installed. It was discussed that the money should come from the money collected from leasing the property to hunting. Lou Reiner made a suggestion that maybe we should look into funding the fence enclosures with open space funding.
- e. The Township Committee reviewed the annual report and deer harvest report. Both reports have been posted on Township web site.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Future parking lots and kiosk were discussed. Materials have been bought with the approval of \$6000 from the Township Committee on 12-19-17. The parking areas to be built were #5 Walnut Brook Preserve (Barton), #6 Walnut Brook Preserve (Levico), #9 Hard Scrabble Road Preserve, #13 Plum Brook Preserve, #22 Erich/Salamon Preserve or #14 Neshanic Preserve Lands.
- b. Lou Reiner would like to move forward and look into opening up Township owned land to shot gun hunting. He suggests that hunting follow all current

hunting laws and be restricted to buck shot only. Hunters would not be allowed to use slugs or black powder. Details will need to be worked out.

6. ENDING PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Barbara Sachau Was wondering how a public enclosure would be maintained and kept up so they do not fail. She understands how a private enclosure could be maintained but thinks it will be difficult to maintain a public enclosure. She also brought up that 2 horses in the area have died and thinks 1 or both were shot by hunters. Also talked about the dog that was shot in Readington Township by a hunter. Says farmer want every animal killed off. Would also recommend if shot gun hunting is allowed on township property that all laws should be followed.
- b. Lou Reiner said the dog was not leashed and the owner of the dog should take part of the responsibility of the dog's death.

7. NEXT MEETING:

- a. July 12, 2018 9am

8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 9:50 am

- a. Motion by Brion Fleming
- b. Motion seconded by Steve Della Vella

Minutes submitted by

Brion S Fleming

6-14-18