CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: 12/13/2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brett St. Clair, Drew Groves, Darlene Jarvis, George Holt, Ron Jarvis, Stan Sowle
Alternates Present: Matt Lavey, Margaret Watkins

MEMBERS ABSENT: None
Alternates Absent: None

MINUTES: November’s minutes were accepted

OLD BUSINESS:

Bela Brook Conservation Area boundary update

On Saturday, December 2nd George Holt, Margaret Watkins, Matt Lavey, and Brett St. Clair flagged most of the boundary line on lot I4-01-02-OA which runs along the back of the new house lots in Overlook Estates.

Easement monitoring

Taylor easement - Drew Groves walked the easement and briefly discussed the work that is being done on the property with the new owner, Rick Botnick. No violations were observed.

North Woods easement - On November 15th Margaret Watkins, Ron Jarvis and Darlene Jarvis monitored the easement. No violations were observed.

Story easement - Drew hopes to monitor the property soon. He will email members when he knows when he will be doing so.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kimball Pond Conservation Area (KPCA)

Annual Land Conservation Investment Program (LCIP) property monitoring

Stan Sowle gave Stephen Walker, Director of the Conservation Land Stewardship Program, a tour of the area south of Kimball Pond Road that was recently cut. Mr. Walker was interested in any information Matt Tarr had provided the Committee regarding cottontails. Mr. Walker then spent some time hiking the property on his own.
Seedlings

Stan Sowle suggested that seedlings be planted on the acreage south of Kimball Pond Road that was recently timbered. Stan shared information regarding various seedling packets available from the state nursery. Orders for spring of 2018 can be placed anytime after January 1, 2018. Brett St. Clair made a motion suggesting Stan select and order the seedlings from the state nursery. The motion passed (8-0).

Snowmobile trail

Brett St. Clair made a motion that the Commission monitor the snowmobile trail easement in the Kimball Pond Conservation Area to make sure its use is appropriate as spelled out in the management plan. The motion passed (8-0).

To do list for 2018

Work to be done in the coming year was discussed. Brett stated that the boundaries of the Bela Brook Conservation area need to be blazed. Margaret reminded members that the Ray Road lot should be walked.

George Holt said he would like to see a layer showing conservation properties in the GIS map online along with a link to all conservation easements so they can be printed in a PDF format.

NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2018, 7:30 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Darlene M. Jarvis