Conservation Advisory Board of Grand Island
Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2018

Members present: Paul Yaeger, Jeff Green, Sam Akinbami, Diane Evans, Jim Czapla, Alice Gerard, liaison Mike Madigan. Excused: Ed Standora, Sue Tomkins, Tom Burke (alternate), Bob Wynne. Guest: Bev Kinney, Bob Eddy.

Jeff Green called meeting to order at 7:08 pm. All agreed to begin with number 4 on the agenda - contract status with Western New York Land Conservancy.

4. WNYLC contract agreement: Bev and Mike, Town council members, encouraged us to make sure we get out of the contract agreement what we want, as stated in our RFQ/RFP. We want a completed document/report at the end of the process, similar to the one prepared for East Aurora. Also, “areas of ecological significance” less than 10 acres, addressed in the contract will refer to wetlands primarily. It was agreed that a phone conference with Rachel Chrostowski, Nancy Smith, Mike Madigan, Jeff Green and Diane Evans be arranged early next week to iron out these items.

We also discussed the $150,000 grant the WNYLC is working under to survey private lands on Grand Island. We need to have a member of our board and our liaison to sit on that working committee.

Mike stated that the Parkland Development Fund does exist. It has $118,000 in it. Board approval is needed for any of the money to be spent on projects.

1. Consent Agenda: Minutes from the August meeting were approved with spelling errors corrected. Diane moved, Sam seconded. Carried 6 to 0.

2. Tree Board Subcommittee - Diane suggested we think about how to select members for this committee of 5 people. We do not have to wait for a Tree ordinance to be passed to get started with this.

3. Future Meeting Dates: Because our 4th Thursday of the month meeting dates conflict with upcoming holidays, we decided to hold our meetings
on November 29 and December 20. Jeff will let Emily Wynne know to put the dates on the calendar and reserve a meeting space.

4. See above.

5. Tree Ordinance - Discussion about revisions. We decided to change the wording of the “permits required” section of the document (p. 5) Jeff will send us the revision to comment on before the next meeting. We also want to agree on a definition of clear-cutting. A vote on the revisions will take place at the next meeting. Jeff prefers that the completed ordinance go to the Town Board before being sent to any other advisory boards. This should occur at a workshop meeting of the Town Board, with some time to explain our changes. A cover letter will be prepared by Jeff to accompany the ordinance.

6. Town Board Report - Mike Madigan
   Mike will ask the Town Board to approve Jim Czapla as a new voting member of our board, due to the death of Ron Rezabek. We now have an opening for a new alternate. Jeff asked that we consider what we want in a new member.

   Mike reported that a professional appraisal will be conducted of our current Town Hall premises and that of Cannon Design to compare the two properties. The two buildings are about the same age.

   Bids are going out soon for the renovations at the Community Center/Golden Age Center.

   Budget talks are going on right now for 2019.

Alice moved to adjourn meeting at 9:07 pm. Sam seconded. Carried 6 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Evans
Secretary