



**BUCKINGHAM POND CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING**  
**June 3, 2024**  
**Pine Hills Library, Meeting 7:00-8:30PM**

Meeting Attendees: Grace Bennett, Nancy Costello, Marsha Penrose, Laura Andrea Leguia, Kate Carleo, Anne Savage, Jeanette Carioto, Mark Schlessman, Gabi Sarhos.

Absentees: Linda Wagner, Jenny O'Neill, Felton McLaughlin

**1. Meeting Minutes**

**VOTE:** The minutes of the June 24 Board Meeting were accepted.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's report, submitted by email, was discussed.
- Money for the children's Little Library has not been paid yet.
- Therese Joyce is in the process of ordering the Barn model.
- Jeanette will post about the BPC County grant award on Facebook.
- Post will thank Frank Commisso, Gary Domalewicz, and Dan McCoy.
- Listing of membership revenue depends on the annual meeting date.
- Questions about effects of large vs smaller mailings were discussed.
- People also become members as they see what BPC accomplishes.
- Jeanette needs the lock's code to post on the sign board at the pond.
- There are 228 current BPC members.
- Current members' length of membership can possibly be determined.

**VOTE:** The Treasurer's report was accepted.

**3. Next Board Meeting**

- Board members agreed to hold the next meeting by ZOOM on August 26 at 7:00.
- Gabi will set this up and send out the invitation.

**4. Website / Tadpole Collective Maintenance**

- Anne is the person designated to deal with Tadpole.
- Anne reported the need to pay annually for "Divi" theme license.
- Previous developer's tool, Divi isn't compatible with our database, CiviCRM.
- Eventually there could be trouble with content not working properly.

**VOTE:** Board approved up to \$100 to maintain Divi annually.

**5. Native Planting / Shoreline Project (Jessica Marsico) Update**

- Laura reported on Jessica's progress.
- Approximately 85% of the planting is complete.
- Stewardship involves the Albany Summer Youth program.

- The work area's appearance has been cleaned up and improved.
- Jessica says what's needed and Laura informs volunteers.
- Honeysuckle that's coming through is now going to be taken down.
- Maintenance could go forward with County grant money.

#### 6. Poison Ivy/Japanese Knotweed

- Jeff Kelley says poison ivy will not be removed by City workers.
- The Water Dept. no longer deals with Japanese Knotweed.
- Gabi contacted Deb Zamer to advocate regarding both problems.
- She will also call Neighborhood Specialist, Alex Word.
- Gabi will talk to Sergio about getting the problems resolved.
- Grace will thank Jeff Kelley for removal of posts at the stilling pond.
- Grace will consult Washington Park Conservancy officers re poison ivy control.

#### 7. Ice Cream Social (September 15, 2024, 1-3pm)

- Grace and Marsha are committed to attend.
- Individual ice cream bars continue to be used successfully.

#### 8. Fall Planting Day (September 22, 2024, 1-3pm)

- Laura and Mark chose September 22 for this event.
- Laura presented options for the purchasing of the plants.
- Signs could be used to prevent the mowing of new plants.
- Compost supply could be expanded and offered to neighbors.
- A possible presentation of the pond's plantings was suggested.

**VOTE:** \$550 was allocated for the purchase of 90 root plants.

#### 9. Other Business

- Jeanette has been walking the pond regularly for 10 years.
- She's noticed a huge increase in trash and picks it up daily.
- Trash includes drug paraphernalia often found around the porta potty.
- She'll take pictures for Marsha to show Community Policing meeting.
- Alex will be informed and invited to come to the next BPC meeting.
- Plans will be made at the next meeting for the two upcoming events.
- Gabi is investigating Interpretive signage with Zacker Design Co.
- CSLAP has 3 of 8 rounds completed, 4th round is this Saturday.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35**

**Next meeting August 26 at 7:00 by ZOOM**