

MINUTES

Members Present:	S. Sterns (Chair), M. Tindall, C. Kueffner, L. Trovato (alt) J. Emenheiser (alt.) (arrived at 7:07 pm)
Members Absent:	E. Hall, D. Dorfer
Guest Present:	None
Staff Present:	J. Kaufman, Senior Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. L. Trovato and J. Emenheiser are seated for absent members D. Dorfer and E. Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tovato MOVED, Tindall seconded approval of the November 9, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion PASSED unanimously.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Communication Initiatives

Stacey will be submitting articles to Mansfield Connections. Trovato is working with students to write brief articles for the Town newsletter. Committee expressed appreciation for EO Smith Students and their efforts. Chris Kueffner offered to lead a workshop on his property regarding forest management around Earth Day. Kaufman and Kueffner will coordinate.

B. Membership

Kaufman reported that there were three vacancies with the departure of Nancy Rawn and Terry Wollen. Members suggested reaching out to Alex Eitland or Robert Cardinal to see if they would like to serve. Members also discussed having a student member. Kaufman will confirm with Town Clerk to see non-residents can serve. J. Emenheiser and L. Trovato would like to be considered as a regular members.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2022 FARMERS FORUM

Members discussed the farmers forum. Tindall has been talking with Shooks Apiary about doing a demonstration of their hives and operation co-sponsored with the

Pollinator Pathways Initiative. A tentative date of April 5th was discussed. Kaufman will coordinate.

B. Ag Lease Reporting Forms

Kaufman presented the lease reports. No report was received from Bryan Kielbania and no activity has taken place on these fields. Kaufman reported that she would continue to follow up with Kielbania about the Coventry Road field.

Kueffner moved and Emenheiser seconded to accept the reports as received.

C. Taste of Mansfield

Kaufman reported on the upcoming partner event, the FY23 budget, and the Taste of Mansfield Hero Draft. Members agreed to serve on the committee to evaluate heroes and asked if other partners such as the Mansfield Public Schools Food Services Director or Humans Services Department would be eligible for the awards.

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

Kueffner asked Kaufman if there was a way to get a count of who was listening to

COMMUNICATIONS

Kaufman included Julia Tillinghast's Honors Thesis in the packet as a good summary of Agriculture in Mansfield.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting is March 8, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

J. Emenheiser moved, Kueffner seconded moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.