

MINUTES OF MEETING
February 8, 2011
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved at the 2/22/2011 meeting

PRESENT- Dean Anson, Chair, Marnie Schulz
Leslie Thompson, Debra Williams, and Hillary May

ABSENT- Tobias Paddock and Lisa Morin

I. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order by D. Anson at 6 PM

II. **Old Business** :

a. **Review of the public minutes for December 15, 2010**

D. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as written. H. May seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

III. **New Business**:

a. **Brendan Florio, –Presentation of a Minimum impact expedited application to extend the length of an existing dock on Lake Opechee. The property is located at 88 Morningside drive tax map parcel 374/291/16.**

B. Florio presented his expedited dredge and fill application to correct the fact that his dock is already 40-feet long. He indicated he was not aware he needed to measure from the shore out to the end of the dock. Seven additional feet are needed to allow safe access to the dock from the shore side. The LCC was concerned about the dock extending further out than it already does. It will not.

B. Florio has been working closely with DES on replanting the entire property. He has created rain gardens improved drainage and increased the value of the property. He was invited here tonight to not only explain how his dock extension should be allowed but to act as an example of how a home owner can create an attractive lakefront property without the excessive use of grass, fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides'. Tim Jordan Associates and John Rokeh assisted with the project. M Schulz suggested the use of pine needles already on the property as a natural fertilizer.

H. May made a motion to sign the permit with the suggestion that no pesticides, herbicides, or fertilizers be used on the property. B. Florio did not see a need to apply those items. The motion was seconded by D. Williams. The motion passed 5-0.

Liaison & Sub-Committee Reports:

- Planning Board Liaison – T. Paddock

No report

- Permit Sub-Committee –

D. Anson reviewed the back log of permits and will work with S. McPhie to complete them this week.

IV. **Other Business:**

-Subdivision/ Site Plan update -Staff

S. McPhie indicated protection of the remaining open space lot will be achieved at the Ranch Roller Coaster 4-lot subdivision because the city has ordinance language that suggests this must be the preferred route. Whatever the final result is we will have language in a legal document indicating the remaining 50-acres of open space will not to be developed.

-Spring River walk tree identification project date certain

The item was not discussed

-Wow trail improvements and Shoreland permitting work

The item was not discussed

-Commissioners Comments

None

V. **Adjournment:**

M Schulz made the motion to adjourn. D. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.