

Mohegan Park Improvement and Development Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010

Present: Brandon Hyde (Chair), Pete Desaulniers, Kevin Crowley, Deb Hinchey, Kerry Bilda and Joe Loyacano (NPW)

Guests: Hugh Schnip, Tom Cummings (Chelsea Gardens)

Meeting called to order at: 5:18 pm

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from 9/10/09 accepted. K Bilda, K Crowley.

Financial Report

B. Hyde reported there is a current balance of \$124,035.98 in the committee account. Report accepted. P DeSaulniers, K Crowley.

Old Business:

Trails committee- K Crowley stated there was nothing new to report regarding trails.

Nominations- B Hyde reported there are two opening for the Mohegan Park committee. P DeSaulniers will check if there are any pending nominations.

New Business:

Chelsea Garden Presentation

Tom Cummings and Hugh Schnip of the Chelsea Gardens presented on the status of the project.

H. Schnip, President of the Gardens, stated the project has slowed down recently due to the poor economy. He stated they are not rushing because they are “trying to do it right”. He also stated they have reduced the scope of the project. The project will include a Butterfly Pavilion.

Tom Cummings stated the land is terraced, full of ledge and there is lack of significant trees. The project plans to utilize the many trails and fire roads which already exist. All electric will be underground and vernal pools exist that need to be protected.

J. Loyacano suggested that Chelsea Gardens take over the Rose Garden area, which is adjacent to the Garden project.

There are plans for an educational school which would bring in volunteers and money. Chelsea Garden Foundation will operate Chelsea Garden. The foundation already has a business plan.

The project is currently in planning and permitting stages and they are still looking for financial contributions.

Meeting adjourned 5:58pm P DeSaulniers, K Bilda

Submitted,

Kerry Bilda