

Town of Pendleton
Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda
Thursday Mar 14, 2024 @ 5:30

Call to order: 5:37

Members in attendance: Tobias Fronmuller, Angie Gilbert, Rob Gilbert, Andrew Harrison

- . Assign board member duties and responsibilities
- I. Board member updates
 - 1. New Members - Angie Gilbert and Rob Gilbert have joined the council
- II. Old Business
 - 1. Farm and Home Day plans

Farm and Home Days have been canceled for 2024
 - 2. Tree seedling updates

Seedlings are beginning to come out of dormancy - but since they're still in containers, there's plenty of time to get them planted.
- III. Correspondence

TF will be attending Cornell Cooperative Extension Agri-business meeting and provide feedback.
- IV. New Business
 - 1. Updates on the Eclipse
 - a. Availability of glasses, instructions for use re: pre and during totality
 - Animals will change behaviors (birds will come back to roost, etc)
 - Per Buffalo Museum of Science: "The only safe way to the partially or uneclipsed Sun is through specialized solar filters, like those found in eclipse glasses or hand-held solar viewers. The only exception to this is during totality. For that brief period, it is safe to view the eclipse with your naked eye. For more information on viewing solar eclipses safely, visit [Safety | 2024 Total Eclipse – NASA Solar System Exploration](#).
The eclipse can be viewed from anywhere in Western New York that has a clear view of the sky. Due to the hundreds of thousands of anticipated eclipse tourists coming to the region, and the associated traffic jams, *we encourage everyone to stay at or close to home to view the eclipse and enjoy this once-in-a-generation event at home with friends and family.* If you do wish to attend an eclipse event, a list of events can be found at [VisitBuffaloNiagara.com](#) and [BuffaloEclipse.org](#). However, we strongly encourage everyone to plan their timing and travel accordingly due to the anticipated traffic."

- Portable toilets have been approved by the Town Board to use by anyone utilizing Town Park to view the eclipse

2. Moving crab apple trees from tennis courts at town hall

Trees are too big to dig by hand - can we secure access to a skid steer in order to facilitate moving the trees such that it will open-up more space for the veterans wall.

We could move them into areas within the park to establish windbreak/solar shield for the transplants, and to highlight area for planting to prevent accidental interactions with a mower.

3. Conservation Council Mail Bag

Could we establish a “hotline” approach to the Conservation Advisory Council such that we can field community questions and address answers in the meeting minutes?

Offering suggestions for responsible pest management, alternate fertilizer application strategies for plants, etc.

VI. Adjournment - 6:39