

Horse Pen Run Meeting Minutes

February 10th 2016 @ 7PM

WELCOME

Introduction of Committee Members. - Sign the hold harmless agreements

A new resident joined the meeting wanting to represent Welbourne – Robert Griesbach

BUDGET

\$6000 for 2016

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed carryover projects from 2015 including the following:

- 1.) Bat houses
- 2.) Tree project
- 3.) Pond Restoration
- 4.) Bridge Installation

NEW BUSINESS

Project Ideas for 2016

- 1.) What to do with the red clay dirt- Ideas were to reinforce the pond and spread over barred owl trail.
- 2.) Front entrance area clearing - Idea to create a small wildflower area near the entrance
- 3.) Tree maintenance and watering – Need to determine which trees need replacement and any maintenance for 2016
- 4.) Observation Deck over marsh land behind Byron Court - Idea to create small deck on raised hill.
- 5.) Trail maintenance - Continue to make trails more accessible for equipment
- 6.) Install Bat Houses - See if we could get PFHS students to help with installation
- 7.) Looking for ways to get volunteers from Potomac Falls High School

VOLUNTEER DATES

First volunteer event in late January or February with PFHS students.

Looking to plan volunteer days for April.

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

March 9th 2016

The second meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

Meeting was called to order at 7: 00 P.M.:

In Attendance were: Benu Bhargava, Debi Holbrook, Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach, Allison Gallo, David Barrie and Rob Heckman.

Absent: Jen Cochran

Residents participation and presentation-(5 minutes per resident)-

Michelle Sandy (wants to join committee)

Erica Collins – Presentation on ideas for girl scout project

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General Action

- Conducted an e-vote to include Bob Griesbach as a voting member representing Welbourne 6 – 0 (Passed)

Old business

- Discussed legacy projects of trees, butterfly garden, bat houses, and front entrance.
- Discussed future project ideas
- Presentation by Erica Collins on girl scout project ideas.

New business

- Allison proposed contacting a nature expert from Loudoun to provide input on future projects and work
- Budget ideas for equipment and/or project needs
- Proposal to get Potomac Falls High School students more involved in HPR volunteer events

Planning Dates for work

Planning dates for volunteer work on trail maintenance and/or stream migration. The first projected date for some trails maintenance will be in late March.

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

April 13th 2016

The third meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

Meeting was called to order at 7: 00 P.M.:

In Attendance were: Benu Bhargava, Debi Holbrook, Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach, Allison Gallo, Michelle Sandy, David Barrie and Rob Heckman.

Absent: Jen Cochran

Residents participation and presentation-(5 minutes per resident)-

General Action

- Conducted a vote to include Michelle Sandy Voting for Oakridge 7 – 0 Passed

Old business

- Discussed legacy projects of trees and the warranty period of the trees. Vendor to evaluate trees and replant in May or June.
- Discussed a future project on expanding meadow by removing invasive trees
- Discussed moving existing large rocks to front of HPR to create an entrance
- Allison provided an update on the bluebird houses
- Discussed trees downed on the trails and removal of blockage

New business

- Allison presented some documents on index of trees and other nature resources
- Budget ideas for equipment and/or project needs
- Potomac Falls High School students event planned for May. Targeting May 22nd

Planning Dates for work

Planning dates for volunteer work on trail maintenance and/or stream migration. The first projected date for some trails maintenance will be in May.

Horsepen Run
May 11, 2016

The meeting started at 7:02PM.

In attendance were: Debi, Carlos, Bob, Benu, Allison and Michelle
Absent- Jen and Rob

There was a general discussion about the weather and the projection of rain, off and on, for the next seven to ten days. There was agreement that all HPR activity- mowing, bat houses, and trail maintenance should be delayed until the ground was dry.
The projection of May 22 and High School students will be your determination depending on the weather.

Erica Collins gave her presentation to the Committee. Benu stated it was very professional, well documented and well presented. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the Project, with a not to exceed \$800.00. Erica will send you emails about her progress of her timeline. She will be asking you for a letter for this project, to present to the Girl Scouts.

Allison mentioned that Josh of Clipper will be getting us 10 or 11 trees, under warranty to replace the ones that are dead/dying. Projection is late May/early June. No cost to us, Josh will install and give us more chicken wire for the other trees.

Allison indicated that Chris of Loudoun, would be out to inspect the trees. She believe we will meet the 75% requirement and Chris can approve this, when he comes out sometime in June.

Allison and Linda cleared the Monarch Butterfly area of weeds.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

June 8th 2016

Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, June 8th, 2016.

Meeting was called to order at 7: 00 P.M.:

In Attendance were: Debi Holbrook, Carlos Garcia, Allison Gallo, and Rob Heckman

Absent: Benu Bhargava, Jen Cochran, Bob Griesbach, Michelle Sandy, and Susan Sims, David Barrie

Residents participation and presentation-(5 minutes per resident)-

General Action

- Provided a project sponsor letter to the Girl Scouts for the Gold Award Project being presented by Erica Collins. Waiting to hear back on project approval.

Old business

- Discussed legacy projects of trees and replacement of the trees under warranty.
- Discussed the entrance area to HPR along with the new gate.
- Need to start mowing trails due to heavy rains.
- Bat House placement and ideas

New business

- Project planning
- Erosion control down the hill on Barred Owl
- Idea of cutting new trail to access River East with the Tractor.

Planning Dates for work

Planning dates for volunteer work on trail maintenance and/or stream migration.

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

July 13th 2016

Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, July 13, 2016.

Meeting was called to order at 7: 00 P.M.:

In Attendance were: Benu Bhargava, Debi Holbrook, Carlos Garcia, Allison Gallo, David Barrie and Rob Heckman.

Absent: Jen Cochran, Bob Griesbach, Michelle Sandy, and Susan Sims

Residents participation and presentation-(5 minutes per resident)-

General Action

- Conducted a vote to purchase a 30 inch riding mower along with ramp attachments to not exceed \$2,000. The mower will be used on trails not accessible by the larger tractor mower. Vote 5- 0 and Passed.

Old business

- Discussed ways to continue to maintain trails with volunteers using power equipment. Approximately 90% of the trails can be accessed by the tractor and mower attachment and recommend purchase of smaller 30 inch riding mower to handle the remaining 10% of trails and areas.
- Discussed legacy projects of trees and the health of the trees over the summer. Overall the trees look very good and are growing rapidly. Newly planted trees seem to be doing fine.
- Discussed trees downed on the trails and removal of blockage in the stream

New business

- Bridge replacement on West River and Eagle trails
- Discussed getting a naturalist or trail expert to help with evaluating new projects and trail maintenance

Planning Dates for work

Planning dates for volunteer work on trail maintenance and/or stream migration.

July 17th next planned volunteer day

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

August 10th 2016

Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

Meeting was called to order at 7: 00 P.M.:

In Attendance were: Benu Bhargava, Debi Holbrook, Carlos Garcia, Allison Gallo, Sue Sims, David Barrie and Rob Heckman.

Absent: Jen Cochran, Bob Griesbach, and Michelle Sandy

Residents participation and presentation-(5 minutes per resident)-

General Action

- Purchased another electric chain saw to handle fallen trees along with replacement straps that were broken.

Old business

- Discussed the next volunteer day along with getting folks certified on the new riding mower.
- Discussed legacy projects of trees and the health of the trees over the summer. Overall the trees look very good and are growing rapidly. Newly planted trees seem to be doing fine.
- Discussed the new service temporary access points to get to both the River West and River East trail.

New business

- Bridge replacement on West River and Eagle trails
- Discussed getting a naturalist or trail expert to help with evaluating new projects and trail maintenance
- Discussed vernal pools and alignment with trails.

Planning Dates for work

Volunteer event planned for 9/4