

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

February 8, 2017

The first meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, February 8, 2017

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

In Attendance were: Benu Bhargava, Andrew Bhargava,, Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach, Allison Gallo, Susan Sims, Tony Palm and Rob Heckman

Absent: David Barrie and Debi Holbrook

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

N/A

General Action

- Signed waiver agreements for committee members to conduct work in HPR.

Old business

- Discussed trail maintenance and a volunteer event on 2/25 to cut back the stumps and cover any roots with wood chips
- Discussed legacy projects of trees, butterfly garden and front entrance.
- Discussed future project ideas such as the clearing a meadow area or installation of the bat houses.
- Update on Erica Collins girl scout project. She will be coming back to the committee to review her implementation plan.

New business

- Allison provided an update on the upcoming Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy nature walk scheduled for March 2017. The committee will allow the event to take place but will not allow the group to charge for the nature walk.
- Discussed a proposal from resident of CountrySide on bee hives in HPR.
- Looking for ways to get Potomac Falls High School students more involved in HPR volunteer events. Suggestion was made to have them help weed and mulch the new trees in the spring.

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 on Saturday February 25th 2017.

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

March 8, 2017

The second meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, March 8, 2017

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

In Attendance were: Benu Bhargava, Andrew Bhargava, Debi Holbrook, Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach, Allison Gallo, Susan Sims, Tony Palm and Rob Heckman

Absent: David Barrie

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

N/A

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General Action

- Signed remaining waiver agreements for committee members to conduct work in HPR.

Old business

- Discussed trail maintenance and a volunteer event for early May
- Discussed legacy projects of trees, butterfly garden and front entrance to see if high school volunteers could be used to help weed the trees in the conversation buffer area.
- Discussed future project ideas such as the clearing a meadow area or installation of the bat houses.
- Update on Erica Collins girl scout project. She will be coming back to the committee to review her implementation plan on 4/1.

New business

- Allison provided an update on the upcoming Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy nature walk scheduled for March 2017. (Vernal Pool walk was cancelled due to rain)

Planning Dates for work

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

Horsepen Run Adhoc Committee

Wednesday April 12, 2017

The meeting was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

In attendance were: Debi Holbrook, Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach and David Barrie
Absent were; Rob Heckman, Benu Bhargava Allison Gallo, Tony Palm, and Susan Sims.

The Committee unanimously approved the March 15, 2017 minutes.

The Committee discussed the request from a professor at NOVA, that wants to take her students for a Vernal pool walk in HPR. Countryside residents are welcome to attend. Date and time to be decided.

The Committee unanimously agree this was acceptable.

Some of the Committee met with Erica Collins on Saturday, April 1, at Parkway, to review her Girl scout project. The consensus was to have a plat, near the Potomac/picnic area, describing the project, with a map of the location of the trees.

The Committee discussed the Loudoun Conservancy nature walk.

The Committee discussed the Loudoun Conservancy bird walk. Allison may be the contact for more information about this.

The Committee had a short discussion about vernal pools and the current status of them.

Committee inquired as to the status of the Monarch Butterfly area? The Committee could not recall if there was only "clearing up" of this area in late 2016 or if seeding was done, in addition to the clearing up? Allison will welcome any information you can provide.

The Committee discussed Volunteer Day. This is projected for May. The exact date is TBD.

Carlos and David will go out to cut down and move a couple of felled trees on CountrySide trail, on Saturday morning, at 9 A.M.

PMP will remove the wiring and stakes from the tree area this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

May 10, 2017

The fourth meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, May 10, 2017

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

In Attendance were: Benu Bhargava, David Barrie, Debi Holbrook, Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach, Tony Palm and Rob Heckman

Absent: Allison Gallo

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

N/A

General Action

- Discusses graffiti paint on trees and benches along the end of the gravel road. Appears that the paint is fading and will ask PMP to pressure wash remaining color if necessary.

Old business

- Discussed trail maintenance and a volunteer event for mid May (Scheduled for 5/14)
- Discusses legacy projects of trees, butterfly garden and front entrance.
- Need to determine where to put dirt and mulch to move them off of the gravel road area. Looking for PMP help HPR volunteers to move dirt to trails or reinforce our walking bridges along the creek.

New business

- Discussed posting tick warning in the Courier to highlight lyme disease prevention along with a blast email since we are expecting a high season of ticks.
- Discussed trail safety on Eagle trail since part of the trail is on a steep hill against the water. Looking for ways to widen or re-route the trail around the hazard area.

Planning Dates for work

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

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

The August meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, August 9, 2017

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

In Attendance were: David Barrie, Debi Holbrook, Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach and Rob Heckman

Absent: Benu Bhargava, Allison Gallo, Tony Palm

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

Scott Smith gave a presentation to the committee to discuss if a bee hive would be allowed in HPR.

General Action

- Discusses end of year maintenance projects for HPR along with equipment replacement plan.

Old business

- Discussed the broken Plexiglass for the information board. PMP was able to find a replacement piece and installed it.
- Discusses a volunteer day in August/Sept to cut grass=Box Turtle and Cougar, some of the Bobcat and the overhang, on trails in general
- Status of Trekker and only use together with Kaboda (Trekker is at end of life and we need to replace the equipment in the next couple of years.)

New business

- Trail Markers - Ribbons or paint to help identify the trails - PFHS student project
- Trail Makers – The Committee decided that ribbons were best and Carlos and Debi will report the number of ribbons and the colors left
- Mulch/Tree Recycling in HPR –There is another large pile of mulch from the Grounds Committee tree removal and we need to determine where to put
 - -Across the stream, going up the Barred Owl/across the bridge toward the sign post
 - Cside trail to cover with lots of roots
 - Future pile= circle down by the picnic area/Potomac
- Discussed Bee Hive proposal and possible site locations to get more information. Want to seek input from other interested residents on bee hive setup.

Planning Dates for work

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

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

The September meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, September 13, 2017

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

In Attendance were: David Barrie, Debi Holbrook, Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach and Rob Heckman, Tony Palm

Absent: Benu Bhargava

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

None

General Action

- Discuss and vote on the 2018 budget request. We had a quorum of the committee and everyone voted Yes with a 3 “Highly Desirable” indication Votes were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vote</u>
David Barrie -	Yes, 3 – Highly Desirable
Rob Heckman -	Yes, 3 – Highly Desirable
Debbie Holbrook-	Yes, 3 – Highly Desirable
Carlos Garcia -	Yes, 3 – Highly Desirable
Robert Griesbach -	Yes, 3 – Highly Desirable
Tony Palm -	Yes, 3 – Highly Desirable

Old business

- Discusses a volunteer day in Sept to cut grass=Box Turtle and Cougar, some of the Bobcat and the overhang, on trails in general
- Status of Trekker and replacement options (Trekker is at end of life and we need to replace the equipment in the next couple of years.)

New business

- Idea to convert exist picnic bench into a canoe and kayak storage rack.
 - Eagle Scout project idea to convert old covered picnic bench to new use
 - Roof is old and needs update and bench is hardly used
 - Project concept is to create storage for six to eight kayaks/canoes that residents could store and lock during the season. The rack would be a first come first serve basis and still could be used as a picnic bench if necessary.
- Trail Markers – Ribbons completed across trails
- Mulch/Tree Recycling in HPR –There is another large pile of mulch from the Grounds Committee tree removal and we need to determine where to put

Planning Dates for work

Planning dates for volunteer work on trail maintenance and/or stream migration in September and October

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

The October meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, October 11, 2017

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

In Attendance were:Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach, Rob Heckman and Benu Bhargava

Absent: David Barrie, Tony Palm, Debi Holbrook

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

None

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General Action

Eagle Trail Safety project to realign the portion of trail that is narrow and too close to the creek bank.

Old business

- Discusses a volunteer day for 10/21 and 10/22 to mulch and cut new trail segment.

New business

- None

Planning Dates for work

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