

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

January 31, 2018

The first meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, January 31, 2018

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

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

Absent: None

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

Bryan Hensen - Discussion on use of HPR for Vernal Pool Walk in March 2018

General Action

- Request from Loudoun Wildlife to hold a vernal pool walk in March.
Motion to allow Loudoun Wildlife Conservatory to conduct a vernal pool walk in HPR for Countryside residents only in March 2018. Note, the event would not be open to non-residents. The walk would start at the parking lot at 6:30pm and walk through the trail system looking at various vernal pools. The leader, Mike Hayslett, would describe the nature of vernal pools, their important place in the environment, the age of these pools and the uniqueness of these pools (along with the ones found in Algonkian Park). The group of approximately 20, would look for egg masses, salamanders, fairy shrimp, frogs and toads in addition to obligate wetlands plants. The Walk is open to CountrySide residents only. Motion was made by Tony Palm and passed 6 in favor, 1 abstain

Old business

- 2018 Budget is \$6,000 for HPR and our equipment replacement budget is \$6,881.

New business

- Informational discussion on Loudoun County Storm Water Management
Loudoun county officials did a survey of HPR for stream and storm water mitigation and wants to discuss with us the idea of extensive stream restoration in HPR.
 - Part of a federal and state grant program to protect the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and would not cost CountrySide any money.
 - Project could be several hundred thousand dollars depending on the scope.
 - Next steps are to invite the LC officials to discuss with the HPR Committee
- Equipment Replacement discussion
- Review and Discuss project priorities for 2018
 - Butterfly garden
 - Boy Scout project to build kayak rack, plantings, etc.
 - Trail maintenance

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 24, 2018 or March 3rd 2018.