

Horse Pen Run Committee  
Held Virtually via Go To Meeting  
July 13, 2022, Minutes

**In Attendance:** Aaron Emery, Steve LeHew, Tony Palm, Taylor Couch, Benu Bhargava, and Vance Middleton David Barrie, and Catherine Neelley (PMP)

**Absent:** Bob Griesbach

Dave Barrie called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Steve, Taylor, and Tony presented information about the wooden signs for HPR. No committee decision yet. Estimated installation date for map is late July, providing the committee reaches a resolution.

**Remaining logs cut down from the structures:**

- Vance suggested that the logs remaining from the structures can be sawn to lengths that we can use later for muddy trail sections. The committee agrees and will try to combine log placement with the grass-cutting over the next three weeks.
- Volunteers for grass-cutting: we have volunteers for July 23rd and July 30th

**Bridge information:**

- The engineer will not be assigned until 2024.
- Nothing more on this to report

**Status of Stream Remediation:**

Tony's efforts resulted in the following report:

- Chris Strong (Loudoun County Stormwater Chief), Troy Biggs (Woods, PLC – Senior Water Engineer), and I walked the stream again last week, mostly along Eagle Trail.
  - Both Messrs. Strong & Biggs strongly affirmed (again) that the stream needs restoration.
- Next steps include, taking soil samples to determine the levels of contamination, and measuring the stream flow rates at various locations along the stream.
  - These metrics will be used in the report/request to the local and state government agencies to buttress the arguments for undertaking the project.
- I warned the committee that the biggest hurdle (beyond the typical paperwork nightmare enforced by government bureaucrats) would be push-back from residents.
  - Dave, you reiterated your support for this project and assured the committee the Board would also support the effort.
  - As a sidebar to that vote of confidence, the necessity to craft a public relations campaign would be in order once the project is approved to warrant such an effort.
  - Fortunately, I have several years of PR experience and can mount an effective counter-campaign if necessary.
  - You expressed the best way to mitigate resident concerns was to start the project in mid-winter when few people are walking/biking the trails.
- Which was the perfect segue to the final bit of news that Messrs. Strong & Biggs hoped the necessary documentation would be signed and the project ready to begin by late fall/early winter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.