

Horse Pen Run Committee
Held Virtually via Zoom
July 20, 2023, Minutes

In Attendance: Aaron Emery, Taylor Couch, Bob Griesbach, Vance Middleton, David Barrie, Alys Jarvela, Tony Palm, Benu Bhargava, Stacy Whitehouse and Catherine Neelley (PMP)

Absent: Steve LeHew

Dave Barrie called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Pollinator Habitat:

- The HPR committee received an update on the pollinator project and bee house from Alys and Tony. Alys and her team will be working on the pollinator habitat in HPR on Saturday, July 22nd and projects seeding to be done in September 2023.
- Alys has submitted an article for the Courier about the Bee House being a Silber activity by the Girl Scouts. The article will be in the August Courier.

Trees Planted along the Gravel Road

- The trees were along the gravel road, on the left just after the creek. "The better choice for the survival of the trees is to leave the area un-mowed." When should we mow, later this year or hold off till next year? The next mowing should be done between November 2023 to April 1, 2024.

Virtual meetings

- The committee will continue to hold virtual meetings for the rest of 2023.

Grass Cutting

- Grass cutting- All has been done in HPR. Also, some of the trails were weed whipped. We had three Volunteers--Dale and Natasha Neff and Jim Bellmer who continued working in HPR in July. Vance from the HPR committee also did work on the Bobcat trail.
- Tony had taken one lawn mower to Sterling Mower Repair, to find out if it is worth repairing or not. He will continue to investigate and advise on what to do about the lawn mower. The repair would cost about \$95, with a one-year warranty. Tony to provide an update.
- Benu will purchase a battery for the large lawn mower which was installed by PMP. Benu will provide a link to the maintenance manual.

Stream Remediation

- Tony provided an overview and tentative schedule for Phase 1 & 2 of the stream remediation project. Phase 1 has been awarded to AVON. They will start in the fall of 2023 with a projected completion of the summer of 2024. Phase 2, which includes HPR, is projected to be awarded and completed in 2025.

HPR Sign

- A new sign has been ordered to replace the old green sign to the left of the wooden HPR sign. It is expected to be ready next week. PMP to install.

Tree Cutting

- There are several trees that need to be cut--2 large trees in Deer trail, 1 hanging tree in Barred Owl and 4-5 trees in CountrySide trail. Anyone interested in working on this project should email David Barrie.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.
David Barrie