

Horse Pen Run Committee
Held Virtually via Zoom
August 9, 2023, Minutes

In Attendance: David Barrie, Alys Jarvela, Tony Palm, Benu Bhargava, Stacy Whitehouse and Catherine Neelley (PMP)

Absent: Aaron Emery, Taylor Couch, Bob Griesbach, Vance Middleton, and Steve LeHew

Dave Barrie called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes

- The committee unanimously approved the July minutes

Itemd Requiring a Vote:

A. Unattended Flower Bed Behind Gravel trail Bench

- 1) Alys and Tony have crafted a proposed plan which includes the following:
 - a) Mid-August – plow under all the non-native species in the location already discussed at Google Maps coordinates: 39.058155, -77.403723).
 - b) Cover with newspaper and mulch to destroy any remaining root systems.
 - c) Mid-September – sew a variety of native pollinator wildflowers to germinate over the winter.
 - d) Cost?

There was discussion on this matter and no motion was made. Alys and Tony will review and present their suggestions to the Committee at the next meeting.

B. Installation of one piece of acoustics equipment along the Gravel Trail which will survey activity of the northern long eared bat along the Horsepen Run.

- 1) There will be a total of three survey sites, only one will be on the property.
- 2) There is one already located in the center median of Countryside Blvd. between Algonkian Pkwy and Minor RD./Austin Ct.3.

The Committee unanimously approved this activity/

Informational Items:

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 continuing work on the pollinator habitat.
- Alys submitted an article for the Courier about the Bee House being a Silber activity by the Girl Scouts; he article was 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."
- The next mowing should be done between November 2023 to April 1, 2024.

Tree Cutting

- Tony, Carlos (PMP), and David Barrie worked on Barred Owl, CountrySide, and the Gravel trails on Wednesday, August 2nd, cutting overhanging branches and removing some fallen trees.

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.
- Catherine to send out the map of Phase 1&2 to the committee.

Grass Cutting

- Benu will purchase a battery for the large lawn mower which was installed by PMP. Benu will provide a link to the maintenance manual.
- Benu will be in Florida until mid-December.

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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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

David Barrie