

Horsepen Run Committee Meeting
July 8, 2015

The HPR AdHoc Committee was called to order at 7:03 P.M.
The meeting was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

In Attendance were: Debi Holbrook, Carlos Garcia, Benu Bhargava, Bill Buchholz, Jeff Kretsch, Allison Gallo and David Barrie

Absent were: Jess Shoemaker, Rob Heckman, Jen Cochran and Susan Becelia.

The Committee unanimously approved the June 10th, 2015 minutes.

Resident participation: None

Old business:

Status of the stream buffer and trees.

Jeff and Bill walked thru and reported that with all of the rain, which has been very helpful, that 97% of the trees are OK. Bill explained to the Committee that with a knife and a powerful magnifier, you could tell the health of the trees. Jeff will follow up on the reimbursement and advise.

Status of the bat houses- No change- update will be reported at the next meeting.

Status of the Eagle project/Mason Bee Houses-

The Committee agreed not to pursue the Mason Bee project as an Eagle Scout activity. Jeff and other members should have a meeting with Chad and his Scoutmaster, to determine another possible project and its viability. Allison will send the Committee a web site of Eagle Scout projects done in nature preserves, for their review and comments, if one of these would be better for HPR. Committee members were encouraged to forward ideas to Jeff for committee consideration to present to Chad. The Committee expressed concerns that any Eagle Scout project be thoroughly reviewed and have the enthusiasm and dedication of the Eagle Scout, while making sure the Eagle Scout takes a leadership role in proposing and executing the project.

Status of the Trail Maintenance Plan.

The Committee voted unanimously to develop a trail maintenance plan. This will be done by Jess and Jeff, by September, 2015. It will provide the details to insure we minimize disturbance of HPR wildlife, identification of vernal pools, and suggest a mix of both high and low maintenance of trails. Update on the trail maintenance plan. Jeff reported this is a work in progress and will advise the Committee at the next meeting.

New Business-

Game plan for the invasive species area-

There was a very good discussion on the invasive species area. Several ideas were discussed.

The consensus was that we need a written, detailed game plan that can be reviewed and agreed upon, before we do any activity in this area. Allison and Jess will send this game plan, if possible, prior to the next meeting, since the timeline for activity is limited, for this year.

Use of remaining wood chip pile- We will complete putting wood chips down, at the picnic area, next to the Potomac. The Committee will also send their requests of where we should put wood chips to David.

Use of the dirt fill- The Committee will send their requests of where we should put the dirt fill to David. One of the primary areas is the sloped area going down to the stream and up the Barred Owl trail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Submitted by: David Barrie