

Woodlands Committee Minutes

April 17, 2019

7:00 – 8:30 pm

In attendance: Lori Dominick, Ben Fishler, Bryan Bruns, Ethel Dutky, Ed James, Greg Eck, Lynne Slater

Guests: Stephanie Warner, Ken Jarva, John Buck

1) Administrative

a. Announcements –

- i. Stephanie W. talked about the Munch and Mulch workday – 15 families showed up – after a quick talk about forest gardening, people worked hard, and were fabulous with their support. Some people stayed for 4 hours, they whole area was mulched, and invasive plants were removed. People are really interested, and Stephanie is excited about the project.
- ii. Community Wide Clean up on April 27th
- iii. Ken Jarva – interested in reducing GHI’s carbon footprint. Steve Skolnick suggested a project involving wood chips. It is costing GHI \$30,000 a year to haul woodchips to a wood recycling center. Ken is looking for places to spread the woodchips. What can be done, how to do it, how much work/time is involved. Are there any unintended consequences? And where does the volunteer labor come from?
 1. Woodchips can be used for hot composting, if we could set up enough systems in GHI. The Zero-Waste committee needs help to keep this going.
 2. Woodchips could be placed around large trees.
 3. Caretaking program for common areas.

b. Next meeting – Wednesday, May 15th

c. Accept March minutes

d. Accept Agenda – Add Plant Swap

2) Review Action Items

- a. **Lori** will work on the draft letter for the Caretaker proposals and Parcel X trail work and send to the Committee within a week. Done
- b. **Ben** will work on the trail map and text for the badges (4/17) – in progress
- c. **Ethel** will work on the exotic invasive plants for the table. (By April 17) – in progress
- d. **Ben** will talk to George about the Rain Gardens – Done. George is on board, we need to keep communication going.
- e. **Greg** will check about structures (deer fencing) for pocket garden areas - canceled, not needed at this time.

3) Report from Staff Liaison – nothing else to report

4) Report from Board of Directors – what is the plan for the Annual meeting

5) Review Caretaker Proposals

- a. Kathie Jarva – Pocket Gardens, Parcel S – approved

- b. Beth Olsen -- 6 Plateau Rain Garden – approved
- c. Beth Olsen – Woodlands Parcel C Wetlands – approved
- 6) Action Plan for Implementation of the Caretaker Programs
 - a. Talk to Rachel Chammon – 33 Ridge about the rain garden there
 - b. 20 Ridge Rain Garden
 - c. Another one on 33 Ridge that can use caretakers
 - d. Woodlands areas
- 7) April 27 Work Day – support the Community Wide clean-up project (6-Court Plateau)

Plant Swap – April 28th Set up at 2:00 – start at 2:30. Thursday, 4/26 add to letter that Lynne needs help. Needs trash cans/tables. Are the things in the shed that we don't need still there? We need to bring them out for the swap. Lynne needs help around 1:30 – 1:45 to bring things out of the shed. Ben can help.

Dispose or Donate or see if GHI wants it:

Flat Shovel (old) -
 Metal paddle/spade
 2 Bow Saws (BAHCO Force) 24"
 2 Tank Sprayers
 Orange Fencing (plastic) – left outside shed
 Bamboo fencing – left outside shed
 Wooden Stakes
 Metal Poles
 Ditch Blank Blade (Sling Blade)

PLANT SWAP STUFF:

Wheel Barrow
 Lawn Mower & Gas Can
 Seed packets
 3 Plastic hanging planters
 Plastic pots
 Wire fencing
 Recycle bags

- 8) Annual Meeting May 9th – Table, invasive plants, info on the spotted lantern fly, info on caretaker proposals, trail map, pocket garden maps, sign- up sheet, list of what we do. Lori will talk about the Caretaker programs.
- 9) Parcel X trail discussion.
- 10) Check-out/future agenda items/evaluation/closing round/
 - a. Action items from this meeting
 - i. **Ben** is working on the trail map and text for the badges
 - ii. **Ethel** is working on the exotic invasive plants for the table.
 - iii. **Greg** will make sure that we have a table for the Annual Meeting, near an outlet
 - iv. **Greg** will get 3 tables and some trash cans for the plant swap.
 - v. **Lori/Bryan** will work on a power point or other presentation by May 2nd.
 - vi. **Lynne** work on a flyer for what we do.

vii. Bryan will check trails