

Woodlands Committee Minutes
August 19, 2020
7:00-8:30 PM

1) Opening Round: welcome visitors with introductions Ben Fischler, Ed James, Gregory Eck, Bryan Bruns, Lori Dominick, and guests: Jim Cohen, Pat Holobaugh, Tom Sporny, and Rosie Weaver

2) Dawn Redwood Tree at 2-G Plateau Place

Joint discussion with the Buildings Committee

Last month, the Board asked the WC and the Buildings Committee to make recommendations about a Dawn Redwood Tree at 2-G Plateau Place. We came to a consensus that the Board needs to contact the member at 2-G and that we were not able to make a recommendation. After much discussion, we agreed to send this issue back to the Board for their decision.

3) Administrative

- Announcements
- Next meeting – September 16
- Accept minutes of July meeting – minutes accepted
- Accept agenda with addition of a sign board by Canyon Creek Trailhead

4) Review Action Items from July Meeting

- Ben is working on the 2019 annual report.
- Ben will get in touch with the non-profit about the Tree Replacement Program. We are waiting for someone to reply.
- Greg will look into signage to recognize caretakers and advertise which spaces are available. Greg gave us some suggestions for where to find memorial signs. (done)
- Plant swap/Scavenger Hunt – October – move to September Agenda
- Make a list of Caretakers (done) and post on website

5) Report from Staff Liaison – Signs for Pocket Gardens – we can do a search on Amazon and find nice inexpensive signs to recognize pocket gardens and other caretaker spaces.

6) Report from Board of Directors Liaison - nothing to report.

7) Report from Chair – Widening of BW Parkway will take space from GHI property. Bryan: this will take part of the Forest Preserve Sunrise Tract. To be discussed at Forest Preserve Meeting next week and a tour on Saturday. The MAGLEV proposal will not take GHI land, but it will affect the

Forest Preserve. Ben is considering having 2 meetings a month to finish discussions on some of our projects.

- 8) **Planning for events and/or work days in next month:** Parcel X trail Bryan has started cleaning up the poison ivy and he might be able to set up a September work day. **(September 19th)**
- 9) **Sign board: Canyon Creek Trail** – there is a new signboard by the GHI offices. We should put one by the entrance to Canyon Creek Trail, with a map, information about the Woodlands Committee and warnings about ticks. Greg will find the price. We will need to monitor the sign for vandalism and disrepair.
- 10) **Recruiting New Committee Members and Caretakers**
Parcel X workday in September
Plant Swap in October
Signage for Caretaker spaces
- 11) Lori mentioned that the May and June minutes were not officially approved. The minutes had been emailed out, and no one had any comments. We agreed to accept the minutes from May and June.
- 12) **Check-out/future agenda items/evaluation/closing round**
- 13) **List action items from this meeting**

- Pat will look at signs on Amazon to recognize current spaces and to recruit people to sign up for other spaces. She will also check her scavenger hunt list to see if she can create a scavenger hunt for families.
- Run announcement about caretakers again in GHI E-news. Lori will send out an email this week.
- Lori will find out how to get something about the Caretaker program in the New Member packet. This is in progress. We should include a map of the trails also.
- Revisit Wood Chip area and re-distribute the wood chips. Make this a workday after the stay at home order is lifted. [Lori]
- Greg will check on the price of the sign outside the GHI office building.