

Woodlands Committee Minutes – DRAFT

May 15, 2019

7:00-8:30 PM

In attendance: Ben Fishler, Lynne Slater, Lori Dominick, Bryan Bruns

Staff Liaison: Greg Eck

Board Liaison: Ed James

1) Opening Round: Welcome Ken Jarva

2) Administrative

- Announcements – Welcome back, Bryan!
- Next meeting – Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>
- Accept minutes of April meeting – accepted with minor corrections
- Accept agenda
- 6 Plateau Rain Garden Work Party (April 27) re-cap - attach Beth's report
- Plant Swap (April 28) re-cap – attach Lynne's report – NOTHING LEFTOVER! It couldn't have gone better
- GHI Annual Membership Meeting (May 9) – Thanks to everyone who helped – thank you Bryan for getting a power strip! Six people signed up, five want to be on the friends list, four are interested in the Caretaker programs, 2 are interested in joining the Woodlands Committee and we have someone who can help organize projects with Cub & Boy Scouts. Question about where to put the policy about building on GHI Woodlands area from the 2018 GHI Membership meeting – deferred to June meeting.

3) Review Action Items from April Meeting

- i. **Ben** is working on the trail map and text for the badges – Ben has a draft of the trail map, and a template for the badges.
- ii. **Ethel** is working on the exotic invasive plants for the table. DONE!
- iii. **Greg** will make sure that we have a table for the Annual Meeting, near an outlet  
DONE!
- iv. **Greg** will get 3 tables and some trash cans for the plant swap. DONE!
- v. **Lori/Bryan** will work on a power point or other presentation by May 2<sup>nd</sup>. DONE!
- vi. **Lynne** work on a flyer for what we do. Not needed
- vii. **Bryan** – checked the trails

4) Report from Staff Liaison – WOOD CHIPS – dumpsters are 30 cubic yards. GHI spends \$35,000 hauling away wood and wood chips per year. The wood chips go to a Maryland recycling facility. People who have used the chips have noted that asphalt has been mixed in with the wood chips, GHI can make sure fresh wood chips are delivered. Wood chips should be ready next week, nothing has been chipped

recently due to the weather. Greg will coordinate wood chip dispersal. There should be plenty of wood chips for GHI's needs.

5) Report from Board of Directors Liaison – Ed is trying to find an accessible place for wood chips so people can pick them up and has made a suggestion to the board.

6) Tasks Identified by Bryan's Trail Inspection Report – the trails are in relatively good conditions. The signs need to be installed. Tread on trails can be improved. There is a good hike for an "introduction to GHI Trails Hike". Trails should be checked, and encroaching brush cut back mid-summer. (add Bryan's report)

7) Parcel X trail re-route – people at the Membership meeting have expressed an interest. Lori will start notifying the community. Lynne will work on an article for the Greenbelt News Review.

8) Action Plan for Implementation of the Caretaker Programs - Storm Water Management Task Force is looking for Volunteers for the Rain Gardens. Supply comments by May 22. Lori will contact people on our sign-up sheet and the Friend of the Woodlands. Get a link on the homepage for the Caretakers program.

9) Schedule Summer and Fall Workdays

June – check-in with Caretakers, to see if they have a project in mind

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – Bryan will do an introduction to GHI trails and trail maintenance. Starting at Canyon Creek trail.

August – Caretakers

Sept/October – Parcel X, Scouts – Lori will coordinate with Aaron M.

10) Discuss Wood Chip Proposal – There was a lot of discussion on this issue. While the Board can authorize the wood chips, some on the committee feel that this topic needs to be considered more thoroughly. Lori will fill out the Caretaker proposal, and we will discuss in June. It is on the agenda for tomorrow's Board meeting.

11) Check-out/future agenda items/evaluation/closing round

Defer to June Meeting:

1. Where to put the 2018 policy change regarding Woodlands /check zoning of the Woodlands
2. Bamboo use – defer to June Agenda

Future Agenda Items:

Meet with GHI maintenance to understand mowing/care of common areas.

Action Items:

1. Continue trail map – Ben

2. Put up trail signs – Greg/George/Bryan
3. Write an article for Greenbelt News Review about Parcel X trail – Lynne
4. Start informing community about Parcel X trail work and Caretakers program – Lori  
Workday sign needs to be picked up – Lori
5. Start a Caretaker list – Lori
6. Check with Caretakers for June and August workdays - Ben
7. Plan July 28<sup>th</sup> workday -Bryan
8. Parcel X – stake out trail (future)
9. Parcel X – trail construction (future)
10. Coordinate Scouts with Parcel X trail work in Sept/October – Lori
11. Fill out a Caretaker proposal for Wood Chips in Parcel S. – Lori
12. Invite people to next meeting – Lori (2 weeks out)