

Woodlands Committee Minutes
November 18, 2020
5:00-6:30 PM

- 1) Opening Round: welcome visitors with introductions
In attendance: Bryan Bruns, Lori Dominick, Ben Fischler, Pat Holobaugh, Gregor Eck, Ed James
- 2) Administrative
 - Announcements – MAGLEV update? There has been some discussion about a task force, but we are not aware of one.
 - Next meeting – December 16th
 - Accept minutes of October meeting – these will be mailed out for comments.
 - Accept agenda
- 3) Review Action Items from October Meeting
 - Take photos of current and potential caretaker spaces and promote. Pat found all the garden spots and took pictures of most of them. She needs to know where the Woodlands spaces are. (Pat and Lori - in progress)
 - Pat will send out examples of caretaker signs (Pat). We have a graphic designer volunteer who is working on some ideas for some yard signs. We will order 30-40 template signs and write in the names of the caretakers. Next year, we can post signs for “Adopt this space”. (In progress – the design is complete)
 - Ben, talk to George about removing honeysuckle from Parcel G. (a work order has been placed)
 - Ben, let George know we would like a log cut on Hillside Tunnel Trail by 11/7. (Done)
 - Ben and Greg will talk about power tools. Will continue discussion in budget section.
 - Ben, set up next meeting for 5 pm and place on calendar. (Done.)
- 4) Report from Staff Liaison:
- 5) Report from Board of Directors Liaison: The second reading of the budget is tomorrow. All Committees that put in requests got requests.
- 6) Report from Chair: Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, funding for tree planting. It will happen mid-December, George has some good suggestions where trees can go. We are getting up to 20 trees. We can go over the locations at another time. Walk over 2nd weekend in December, planting next week. Bryan suggested adding an agenda time for a future meeting to come up with a plan/policy for future replacement trees. Include Ethel Dutkey and Bill Phelan. Ben has been talking with Will about a space that some members would like to leave open. Other neighbors are wondering if they can get replacement trees.
- 7) Hillside Tunnel Trail Reroute: Report on Nov. 8th Work Day – Bryan reported that we had a good workday, people showed up, we got farther than expected. We still need to use up the wood chips that are at 3 Ct. Laurel Hill. We will need to deal with the woods chips and possibly work on the old trail.
- 8) We will plan a work day in December to at least get the wood chips off the asphalt.

- 9) Report on Nov 14th Trail Walk – small turnout; but realized one of the small bridges had been washed out. No one was interested in the longer hike. Will do an introductory walk in the Spring. Bryan repositioned the bridge and cleared the leaves and log.
- 10) Discussion of Next Steps for Bamboo Eradication in Parcel X: Bryan brought up options that included putting down landscaping cloth and wood chips; cutting down shoots as they come up with a brush cutter with a steel blade; or continue to cut down bamboo by hand. Start this on December 5th workday with landscaping cloth and wood chips. Bryan will look into purchasing landscaping cloth and getting reimbursed. Ben will check with George to see if GHI has any landscaping cloth that we can use. We have another member, Will, who is also interested in removing bamboo from 52 Ridge.
- 11) Approval of Caretaker Signs: Pat estimated that we need about 25 signs. She recommends getting 35 garden signs and 13 woodland signs. This will be enough to get us started for \$290. Pat will be in touch with Greg about the purchase order. We should work on a self-guided garden tour of all these spaces. Project for the Spring. The signs are approved. For the next budget year, we would like to order “Adopt this space” signs. We need to identify spaces.
- 12) Discussion on 2020 Budget Final Expenditures
Pat will work with Greg about Purchase Order
Bryan will work on infographics for the trail head
Bryan will purchase wheelbarrow, brush cutter, and has purchased a shovel and 2 loppers.
Stephanie needs to coordinate with Greg on purchasing plants.
We need to let Claude know that he needs to contact Greg about purchasing Pawpaw trees. We could use some on Hillside Tunnel Trail.
- 13) Check-out/future agenda items/evaluation/closing round
List action items from this meeting
- Stephanie needs to coordinate with Greg on purchasing plants.
 - Ben will send out locations for trees and let us know when the walk-around is.
 - Ben will check with George to see if GHI has any landscaping cloth that we can use.
 - Ben will let Claude know that he needs to contact Greg about purchasing Pawpaw trees. We could use some on Hillside Tunnel Trail.
 - Lori and Ben will send out October minutes
 - Lori will send out the map to go in new member packet
 - Ben, Lori, and Pat will work on an email to send to the caretakers to get approval to place signs.
 - Pat will work with Greg about Purchase Order
 - Bryan will look into purchasing landscaping cloth and getting reimbursed.
 - Bryan will work on infographics for the trail head sign
 - Bryan will purchase wheelbarrow, brush cutter, and has purchased a shovel and 2 loppers.
 - Bryan workday on Dec. 5 with fall back on Dec. 12th.