

Minutes
Nature Preserve Committee
Monday, May 8, 2017

NOTE: DUE TO LACK OF A QUORUM, AGENDA ITEMS WERE NOT VOTED UPON

Present: Tom Price, Halsey White, Marge Eberz, Betsey Klinger

Absent: Sue Minetti, Jo Schuler, Peter LaMontague, Dave Horne, Bob Binkley, Jim Chant

I. Approval of minutes from April 10 meeting
Deferred

II. Unfinished Business

A. Miller properties

There is a meeting scheduled in June with the legal team.

B. Trail cameras

Awaiting signs alerting visitors that cameras are mounted in the Preserve.

C. Message board for main entrance

Halsey reported the completion and installation of the new message board. The new board is a very nice addition to the main entrance. Thank you Halsey.

D. Tree ID plates

No new information.

E. Groner Fund residual / Miriam's stock shares

It is expected that approximately \$9000.00 will be returned to the Groner Fund.

F. Brush mower

No new information.

G. April 15 work day – completed tasks

It was the general consensus of the committee that many tasks were completed thanks to the National Honor Society students from C.B. South and West.

H. DVU studies

There has been no feedback from the College regarding the studies.

I. Community awareness - Newsletter article

Publication is expected to be distributed in the next couple of weeks.

J. Addendum/update to Strategic Plan

Not yet completed

- K. Bartlett treatment of white pines (horticultural oil)
Tom spoke with Pete Williams of Bartlett Tree Experts. The horticultural oil has not be applied. Pete expects the application will be done within a week.
- L. Weeds, Inc. treatment of thistle
Tom spoke with Brian O'Neill of Weeds, Inc. Brian reported a schedule set back due to weather. Treatment of the thistle will be accomplished soon as well as poison ivy along the walking trails.
- M. Scout projects
Halsey reported that the proposed project was approved by the Troop Committee and has been submitted to the Doylestown Headquarters. The project is expected to begin in June/July. Halsey will order the previously approved stone needed for the project.
- N. Fall restoration projects
1. Planting of red cedars / shrubs in Unit 1
 2. Reforestation of riparian zone
 3. Planting of red cedar buffer between Preserve and Weston property
- No new information at this time.**

III. **Deferred Items**

- A. Orphans Court ruling on uses of Groner funds
- B. Incorporation of Chant tract into Preserve / installation of boundary signs
- C. Chant dedication stone
- D. Preserve map and brochure

IV. **New Business**

- A. Budget update
Copy of year to date budget was distributed. Halsey alerted the committee that he has submitted receipts for about \$100.00 for the main entrance board.
- B. Probable May 20 work day tasks
 1. East Meadow
 - a. Plant additional plugs (?)
 - b. Finish weeding around shrubs/cedars
 2. Main entrance
 - a. Finish removing lirioppe around sign
 3. Miriam's Meadow
 - a. Weeding – rear beds, elsewhere
 - b. Edge and mulch bed by road
 - c. Additional mulching?

- d. Remove / replace three non-native hollies along back border
- e. Plant trumpet honeysuckle around arbor
- 4. Woodchips(?)
 - a. Put fresh wood chips around benches / Beech Tree Trail
- 5. Creekside Trail
 - a. Remove vines from flagged trees

Above items were discussed. Tom to call Chris Gilbert to ask for wood chips that may be available. Tom will arrange for 3 yards of mulch to be used in Miriam's Meadow and the main entrance sign project.

C. Garden Tour

Tom reported that his property will be on the June 17th National Women's Farm and Garden Association Garden Tour co-sponsored by Bowman's Hill and the PA Audubon Society. Tom suggested that we may want to seize the opportunity to promote the Nature Preserve on that day. If traffic is directed around the "loop" cars would be driving by Miriam's Meadow. We could make committee members available at Miriam's Meadow to answer any questions about the Nature Preserve. The tour is 10am to 3pm.

D. Red Cedars along railroad track

Halsey shared that he observed young growing along the railroad tracks. He will call SEPTA and request permission to remove the young trees so they can be planted in the Preserve.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next meeting scheduled June 12, 2017

REMINDER; WORK PARTY MAY 20th