

**Minutes**  
**Nature Preserve Committee**  
Monday, January 15, 2018

**Members Present:** Dave Horne, Tom Price, Halsey White, Jo Schuler, Taylor Thompson, Bob Binkley, Susan Minetti, Marge Eberz, Betsey Klinger

**Members Absent:** Peter LaMontagne

**Guests:** Alex Nagy , Borough Intern  
Derek MacMillan, Borough Resident

**I. Approval of Minutes from Dec. 11 Meeting**

**Motion was made by Dave to approve December minutes, Marge seconded the motion, all approved.**

**II. Nomination and Election of Officers**

**A. Chairperson**

**Dave made the motion nominating Tom Price as chairperson, Susan seconded the motion, all approved.**

**B. Vice-Chairperson**

**Susan made the motion nominating Halsey White as Vice Chairperson, Marge seconded the motion, all approved**

**C. Secretary**

**Susan made the motion nominating Betsey Klinger as Secretary, Marge seconded the motion, all approved.**

**III. Old Business**

**A. Maintenance tasks**

1. Cage remaining shrubs in back border of Miriam's Meadow
2. Spread wood chips around newly planted trees and shrubs in riparian area.
3. Cut/removes vines on tagged trees in riparian area
4. Clean out bluebird houses
5. Install additional screech owl boxes
6. Repair / relocate bat house in Miriam's Meadow
7. Install trail cameras
8. Plant three American hollies
9. Remove invasive Wineberry
10. Transplant remaining Red Cedars from Chant retention basin
11. Mulch replanted Red Cedars

**Tom brought to the committee's attention that he added two more tasks to the list. Phil Chant will have the basin on his property mowed. Tom has arranged for us to move the red cedars from that area and transplant them in the Preserve. To date 36 trees have been moved. There are approximately 40 more to move. Tom will send out an email asking for help when weather permits.**

- B. Hazard trees (3 ash trees on Pine Tree Trail)  
**Tom spoke with Chris Gilbert who plans to complete planned work the week of 1/19.**
- C. Mowing contract, 2018  
**Tom was again approached by Sam asking the committee to consider combining our mowing work with the borough mowing program. The committee had considered this previously and after another discussion agreed to continue using John Emmel for the Preserve mowing.**
- D. Preserve boundaries
  - 1. Surveying of Chant's Woods boundaries  
**Several bids have been issued.**
  - 2. Installation of remaining boundary signs  
**Upon completion of the survey, the remaining boundary markers will be installed. It was suggested that several be placed along the Binkley property line.**
- E. Chant's Woods (Access and plaque)  
**The plaque is expected to arrive within the next few days.**
- F. Penn State Cooperative Extension pollinator habitat sign  
**Tom reported that the sign has not arrived.**
- G. Bowman's Hill 2018 Land Ethics Award  
**Tom reported working on the application which is due 1/22/18.**
- H. Miller properties / DCNR Grant  
**Discussion ensued.**  
**\*Council is not unanimously in favor of purchase**  
**\*Council has voted for a home inspection from an outside vendor.**
- I. Groner Fund residual / Miriam's stock shares  
**No Update**

#### IV. **Deferred Items**

- A. Orphans Court ruling on uses of Groner funds  
**The Borough Solicitor will prepare the paperwork for the Orphans Court after the building inspection is completed.**
- B. Preserve trail map  
**Funds have been set aside by the Borough for mapping. It is our goal to complete this project in 2018. Taylor volunteered to look at what we would like to create and perhaps she can help us with the trail map.**
- C. Nature Preserve pamphlet  
**Before proceeding with a pamphlet design, a trail map is needed.**

D. Tree and shrub ID plates

**In the Spring, select trees and shrubs will be marked with ID plates.**

E. Brush mower purchase

**Paul Tiers (landscaper) has suggested we investigate the purchase of commercial string trimmers with brush blades instead of the purchase of a brush mower.**

V. **New Business**

A. 2018 budget update

**The budget was reported and reviewed.**

B. Updated Progress Reports

**Tom distributed the updated the Progress Report, noting it was the 3<sup>rd</sup> update.**

C. Spring work day

**After review of the CB School calendar, the following work days were selected:**

**3/10/18 bad weather alternate date 3/24**

**4/7/18**

**5/19/18**

**NOTE: As weather permits, there are tasks in the riparian area that need attention:  
clear brush, mulch plantings, move cedars**

D. Goals for 2018

**This will be the focus for our February meeting.**

**The motion to adjourn was made by Halsey and seconded by Marge. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm**

**The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2018.**