



Open Space Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2016

Attendees: Lisa Ahrens, John Ahrens, Tim Breuer, Bill Junk, Jay Karamales, Kim Lyons, Aimee Noonan, Eddy Petranek, Timothy Wagner, Brian White, Kristen White, Ken Winer, Mitch Wood

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

The order of business for the Open Space Committee meeting was as follows:

1. February 2nd Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes of the Open Space Meeting of February 2nd, 2016 were approved.

2. Farm Report (Tim Wagner)

- 17 – 20 active participants meeting weekly on Tuesday nights
- Sub-committees have taken on a variety of topics
 - Communication
 - Flowers
 - Wildlife
- 2 successful workdays – relocating the rhubarb alongside the raspberries and raspberries cut back, weeding and fertilizer application
- Committee has planned for 18 beds with wildflower border to attract pollinators
- Planting of the beds will be April – June with harvest planned for the fall
- Kestrel Field will be planted with corn for corn maze
- Boot Field will be planted with pumpkins, gourds and squash
- Surrounding smaller fields will be seeded with barley for weed suppression
- Orchard will remain under current plan of “Adopt a Tree” thru the HSTA office – the Farm Committee wants to focus on the garden to assure its success

3. Staff Report (Lisa Ahrens / Tim Breuer)

- Trail Designation – Dry Creek Rd., Cartwright Rd., and Rolling Hills
 - A map of the proposed trail designation and cost was shared by Lisa Ahrens
 - Also included in the bids was the cost to add fencing in some areas to mitigate off-road vehicles
 - The Committee reviewed the locations and cost
 - The Committee suggested changing the fencing along Cartwright Rd. from split rail to post and 3-strand smooth wire
 - Motion made by Bill Junk to approve the trail designation and fencing – split rail in Rolling Hills and 3-strand smooth wire along Cartwright Rd. Second by Aimee Noonan. Unanimously approved
- New Trail Options – Rolling Hills
 - A map indicating two locations for possible trail-reroutes was shared by Lisa Ahrens - the end of Deerpath off the cul-de-sac and near 4551 Deerpath

- Bill Junk also mentioned a third location near 3984 Sage Creek.
- Motion made by Bill Junk to approve the two re-routes and the new location off 3984 Sage Creek. Second by Jay Karamales. Unanimously approved.
- Dry Creek Clean Up and Trail Maintenance
 - Committee was reminded of the upcoming creek clean up and trail maintenance day scheduled for April 16th
 - Aimee Noonan mentioned that there is a date conflict with Race to Robie Creek
 - The Committee unanimously agreed to changing the date to April 23rd
 - Trail crew and creek crew leaders needed the day of the event
 - Tim Breuer will work with Chuck Vertrees and HSTA to identify a priority list of trails needing maintenance
- Great Outdoors
 - The event is scheduled for May 21st
 - Volunteers needed to work the booth from 11:00 to 4:00
 - Suggested having a map with proposed new trails and other potential projects identified at the Open Space Workshop.
- Open Space Workshop
 - Two date options proposed April 18th or April 20th – No preference was indicated so April 18th was selected
 - Tim Breuer will work with Chuck Vertrees and HSTA to identify a format for the workshop
 - Volunteers needed

4. New Business

- Sustainability Committee
 - John Ahrens again expressed interested in getting a “Sustainability Committee” going as either a stand-alone committee or sub-committee of Open Space or even the Farm
 - Areas or subjects for the Sustainability Committee to explore include water quality, solar, composting, glass recycling, other recycling
 - Consider ways to involve community ie, the elementary school, the Merc
 - Relocation of Pedestrian Easement along Dry Creek
- Briefly discussed and requires further research
- HSTA Association Policy 700 / Standardized guidelines for reducing wildland fire hazard in Hidden Springs
 - Policy adopted in 2009
 - Lisa Ahrens distributed a copy to the Committee for discussion at the next Open Space Committee meeting
- Improved Fencing for Farmstead
 - Lisa Ahrens shared map of proposed area for new fencing at the Farmstead
 - The cost was obtained in conjunction with the estimate for fencing in Rolling Hills – possible lower cost due to bulk purchase
 - Cost will be approximately \$8200 to \$12,000 depending on contractor
 - Project will need to follow Request for Community Project/HSTA support process

Next meeting – April 5th

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm