

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

January 31, 2018

The first meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7: 00 P.M.:

In Attendance were: David Barrie, Benu Bhargava, Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach, Debi Holbrook, Tony Palm, Steve Lehew and Rob Heckman

Absent: None

Residents participation and presentation-(5 minutes per resident)-

Bryan Hensen - Discussion on use of HPR for Vernal Pool Walk in March 2018

General Action

- Request from Loudoun Wildlife to hold a vernal pool walk in March.
Motion to allow Loudoun Wildlife Conservatory to conduct a vernal pool walk in HPR for Countryside residents only in March 2018. Note, the event would not be open to non-residents. The walk would start at the parking lot at 6:30pm and walk through the trail system looking at various vernal pools. The leader, Mike Hayslett, would describe the nature of vernal pools, their important place in the environment, the age of these pools and the uniqueness of these pools (along with the ones found in Algonkian Park). The group of approximately 20, would look for egg masses, salamanders, fairy shrimp, frogs and toads in addition to obligate wetlands plants. The Walk is open to CountrySide residents only. Motion was made by Tony Palm and passed 6 in favor, 1 abstain

Old business

- 2018 Budget is \$6,000 for HPR and our equipment replacement budget is \$6,881.

New business

- Informational discussion on Loudoun County Storm Water Management
Loudoun county officials did a survey of HPR for stream and storm water mitigation and wants to discuss with us the idea of extensive stream restoration in HPR.
 - Part of a federal and state grant program to protect the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and would not cost CountrySide any money.
 - Project could be several hundred thousand dollars depending on the scope.
 - Next steps are to invite the LC officials to discuss with the HPR Committee
- Equipment Replacement discussion
- Review and Discuss project priorities for 2018
 - Butterfly garden
 - Boy Scout project to build kayak rack, plantings, etc.
 - Trail maintenance

Planning Dates for work

Planning dates for volunteer work on trail maintenance and/or stream migration. The first projected date for some trails maintenance will be on Saturday February 24, 2018 or March 3rd 2018.

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

March 14, 2018

The second meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7: 00 P.M.:

In Attendance were: David Barrie and Rob Heckman

Absent: Benu Bhargava, Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach, Debi Holbrook, Tony Palm

We did not have a meeting quorum so this was just an informational session.

Residents participation and presentation-(5 minutes per resident)-

Bryan Hensen - Discussed having permission to do twilight work in the vernal pools. Sent note to Donna at PMP to allow for him to be in the parkway lot for this effort.

General Action

- None

Old business

- None

New business

- Informational discussion on Girl Scout fund raising event
 - Request to use Horsepen Run for a 5K walk.
 - Residents were advised to look at alternative locations.
- Informational on bee keeping project idea.
 - Nice presentation on bee keeping and a proposal for 2019
 - Asked resident to come back to HPR committee at a later time

Planning Dates for work

Planning dates for volunteer work on trail maintenance and/or stream migration. The first projected date TBD.

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

April 11th 2018

The third meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, April 11th 2018 Meeting was called to order at 7: 00 P.M.:

In Attendance were: Benu Bhargava, Carlos Garcia, Bob Griesbach, Debi Holbrook, Tony Palm and Rob Heckman

Absent: David Barrie

Residents participation and presentation-(5 minutes per resident)-

Aaron Emery (6 Clapham Court) wanted to join the committee from Rokeby

General Action

- Motion to approve Aaron Emery as Rokeby voting member. Bob Griesbach made the motion and Tony Palm seconded. Motion passed on a 6-0 vote.
- Motion to continue the discussion with Loudoun County on the Horsepen creek stream restoration proposal. Request a community wide meeting in the summer. Bob Griesbach made the motion and Tony Palm seconded. Motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Old business

- 2018 Budget. No decision on replacing the aging Trekker at this point. We will use what we have in 2018 and look for a replacement in 2019.

New business

- Informational discussion on Loudoun County Storm Water Management
 - Loudoun county officials presented the survey conducted along the creek and waterways for HPR for stream and storm water mitigation
 - LC wants to start at the Algonkian Parkway stream crossing between PFHS and River Bend Middle School. This section is owned by county so no need for approval but informational for the community. They would restore the upper section which connects with the CountrySide property.
 - They have identified two site areas in HPR to proceed.
 - Part of a federal and state grant program to protect the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and would not cost CountrySide any money.
 - Estimated cost of the project is \$700 per linear foot and they would replace any trees and habitat lost during the project. All costs would be State and Federal
 - Warranty period beyond restoration and project will take a few years.
 - Permit process is extensive and CountrySide would need to sign off on all work.
 - Next step is to have community wide meeting to present the proposal and allow resident questions.
 - If the community wants to continue we would need legal review of the agreement and warranty work process to ensure no new easements are created.
- Establish project priorities for 2018
 - Butterfly garden
 - Boy Scout project to build kayak rack, plantings, etc.

Planning Dates for work

Planning dates for volunteer work on trail maintenance and/or stream migration. The first projected date for some trail maintenance will be on Saturday April 28 2018

Horsepen Run Ad Hoc Committee

May 9, 2018

The meeting of the Horsepen Run Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room, on Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7: 00 P.M.: David Barrie chaired the meeting.
This was an informational meeting only, since we did not have a quorum

In Attendance were: Aaron Emory David Barrie, Carlos Garcia, Debi Holbrook, and Brian Henson.

Absent; Rob Heckman, Benu Bhargava, Bob Griesbach, Steve Lehew, and Tony Palm.

Residents participation and presentation-(5 minutes per resident)- No residents present.

Old business

- No old business discussed.

New business

Discussed reminding residents to leash their. There have been several complaints lately about this subject.

The branches currently in the Parkway parking lot will be cut into wood chip put into HPR the week of May 14-18.

The remaining tree stumps, without roots, will be put around the Monarch Butterfly area.

Planning Dates for work

Planning dates for volunteer work on trail maintenance-- cutting branches and trees that block the trails.

The date for trails maintenance will be on Saturday May 12 2018. We will meet at the Parkway parking lot at 8:30AM

The grass cutting activity and dates for work, will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

HPR Meeting Minutes

The first stream restoration meeting was held at the Parkway meeting room on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

The meeting started at 7 PM.

In attendance were; Carlos, Benu, Bob, and Aaron from the HPR Committee.

There were eight residents, Catherine from PMP and Chris Stone from Loudoun County.

Chris explained the potential Stream Restoration project in HPR, starting and mile-stones for completion.

Chris told the group that Loudoun County would replant appropriate vegetation to hold the soil in place, including wetland trees, after the project was complete and monitor this area for ten years. Planting would take place when there is the best likelihood of survival, typically during the fall for trees. Bare soil would be protected by straw until planting occurs.

He mentioned that Loudoun County would need a maintenance easement and the County would inspect and provide maintenance to this area, on an on-going basis. Typically, after two years, the newly planted vegetation is established, requiring no additional maintenance although inspections would continue in the area for ten years.

A question and answer session followed.

Benu asked the residents about this project and received a unanimous approval for this project.

I mentioned to Chris we should hold one or two more community meetings on this project in November.

Chris reminded the residents that this project would be fully funded by the County.

Submitted by David Barrie

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.