

Horse Pen Run Ad Hoc Committee

Parkway meeting room

Wednesday, February 13, 2019.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

In attendance were; Carlos Garcia, Rob Heckman, David Barrie, Benu Bhargava, Robert Giesbach, Steve Le Hew, and Aaron Emery. Catherine Neelley (PMP).

Absent: Debi Holbrook and Tony Palm

Resident participation- No residents present

Old Business- repair the River bridge- There was a long discussion about the Bridge. It is projected for late May. Bob presented his design for the bridge. He will define the materials and cost for his design, at the next meeting. This will be a major project and will require Bobby and Carlos from PMP, several Volunteers, the Kubota, the Tractor and perhaps, the Trekker. This may be a two-day project. Final decisions to be made at the next meeting.

add gravel to HPR road- Will find out the cost from Mike (PMP) for smaller gravel to fill in the "dips" of the HPR road. This project is for Aug/Sept of this year.

Re-ribbon the trails- Sometime in April or May, when the trails are not muddy.

paint the benches, picnic tables and message board= Projected to be done in April or May--will need to power wash, prior to wood staining. Steve suggested ultra violet stain.

put in another gate- Mike (PMP) to measure and advise, if we can move the existing gate further down near the message board and put the chain on the existing entrance area.

There were also suggestions about other measures to prevent unauthorized vehicles from going into and destroying HPR grass.

Cut branches/trees on the trails-Sometime in April or May, when the trails are not muddy.

Work date for March-Nothing scheduled for March.

The Committee decided they want any available mulch, from Brightview. The mulch should be placed down at the Picnic area and the "pathway" going to the stream crossing.

we may have another Volunteer for HPR Committee- David to advise.

Steve suggested we purchase a small Bush Hog attachment, to be pulled by the Tractor. Mike to advise the cost.

David told the Committee that the BOD had approved the Stream Restoration project. It will be 18 months or more, before the actual work is started.

David presented a list of discussion items involving the purchase of a vehicle for HPR activity, which require review and decisions, prior to the purchase.

A one seat and larger bed vehicle or a two seat and a smaller bed vehicle

A new 2019 or a leftover new 2018 or a used vehicle

Usage- HPR used approximately six months of the year= April thru Oct- total of 12 times in this period

PMP uses approximately six months of the year=Nov to April- total of 10 times in this period

Purchasing a vehicle that could be used by both HPR and PMP--would require on equipment to be purchased. No funds for 2019 could be in the 2020 budget.

Steve and Rob volunteered to check out dealers and advise their findings.

The Committee requested the following information from Catherine-

Do we have a post digger that can attach to the Tractor?

What is the current "reserve" for a HPR vehicle?

Horse Pen Run Ad Hoc
Committee Meeting
March 13, 2019
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

In attendance were; Carlos Garcia, Steve Le Hew, Rob Heckman, Benu Bhargava, Robert Giesbach, Aaron Emery, Debi Holbrook, Tony Palm and David Barrie

No absent members:

Resident participation: Susan Sims gave the Committee a presentation on her request to have a Bat Monitoring Project. The Committee voted unanimously to approve this request. Bob volunteered to assist with the funding of equipment and Tony volunteered an Ipad for this project.

There was further discussion on the repairing the bridge for HPR. The Committee decided to delay a vote on this and Steve volunteered to review the existing trail and report to the Committee at the next meeting his findings involving- the bridge, put up signs "Use at your own risk" for the existing portion of the trail and/or have the residents use an existing pathway that abuts the trail.

A lively discussion about replacement of the Trekker was the next discussion item. The Committee decided to delay a vote on this until 2020. We do not have sufficient funds to make a purchase of a replacement vehicle. The Committee indicated they prefer a new vehicle and a Kubota, which could be used by PMP in the winter months for snow removal in CountrySide.

Until the HPR trails "dry out" no activities are planned until April. In April we project some branch and tree cutting on the trails and the replacement of ribbons on all trails

In discussion with Mike (PMP) this morning, he will work on the Trekker to make it available for our use.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

HORSEPEN RUN COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2019

The meeting of the HPR Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M.

In attendance were; Carlos Garcia, Rob Heckman, David Barrie, Benu Bhargava, Robert Griesback, Steve Le Hew, Tony Palm, and Aaron Emery.

Absent: Debi Holbrook

There was a discussion about finishing and stabilizing the "bridge". The Committee consensus was that volunteers can complete this task in late April or early May.

The Committee decided to have the yellow temporary sign attached to chain, removed. Further discussion about another gate to replace the chain was deferred, to later this year.

Debi and Carlos will work on re-ribboning the trails. They projected completion by the end of April.

Steve volunteered to power wash the benches and tables in HPR. Tony volunteered to send an article for the May Courier, asking for Scouts to make this an Eagle project and complete wood staining the benches and tables.

Mike (PMP) worked on the Trekker. His opinion is that it needs a carburetor and any purchases for the Trekker would not be good decision. Mike is not sure if he can even get the Trekker to run.

His suggestion is not to use the Trekker.

The Trekker has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced with a larger more functional piece of equipment that can also be used by the PMP maintenance staff to help make them more productive since they don't have similar equipment.

The Committee is working toward obtaining a new Kubota. Rob will present to the BOD, ideas to fund the Kubota this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

David

HORSEPEN RUN COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2019

The meeting of the HPR Committee was held at the Parkway meeting room on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

In attendance were; Benu Bhargava, Carlos Garcia, Rob Heckman, David Barrie and Steve LeHew

Absent; Tony Palm, Debi Holbrook, Aaron and Robert Griesbach

Emerson Rodriguez made a presentation to the Committee about an Eagle Scout project to build a bridge on the River West trail.

He presented the Navigating the Eagle Scout Service Project plan and this project was discussed.

He indicated he would raise the funds and complete the project by August 17.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this project.

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Further discussion about another gate to replace the chain was deferred, to later this year.

Debi and Carlos have finished re-ribboning the trails... Thank you !!

Steve volunteered to power wash the benches and tables in HPR. David will contact Mike Stracka (PMP) for replacing some old boards on the benches and tables.

The Committee is working toward obtaining a new Kuboda. Rob will present to the BOD, ideas to fund the Kuboda this year.

Grass cutting on the trails--The Committee suggested that be worked on in the first two weeks of June.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Welcome any other for discussion on May 15

David

Horse Pen Run Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2019

The meeting started at 7:05 P.M. at the Parkway meeting room on June 12th.

In attendance were: Carlos Garcia, Aaron Emery, Robert Griesbach, Debi Holbrook, and David Barrie.

Absent; Rob Heckman, Tony Palm, Steve LeHew and Benu Bhargava

Emerson Rodriguez sent an email to the Committee on his Eagle project and it was distributed.
The Committee requested Emerson to be a the next HPR meeting on July 10th

Susan Sims sent an email report to the Committee on the Bat project and it was distributed
The Committee complimented Susan on an outstanding report..

An update was emailed to the Committee on the power washing project.

Over the last two Saturdays, all the major trails had grass cutting done. Thank you to Benu, Andrew, Carlos, and Rob.

Projected for the rest of June, is moving the wood chips to those areas that are need them. Tentative date of June 22 to do this work.

Will check with Mike Stracka about the Bat houses and the time frame to put gravel on the HPR road.

David indicated the July Courier will have an article about Ticks.

The next meeting is July 10th
The meeting was adjourned at 8:xx P.M.

Horse Pen Run Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Parkway meeting room.

In attendance: Benu, Carlos, Debi, Robert, Steve and David

Absent: Rob, Tony and Aaron

Emerson gave an update on the Bridge project. A very good discussion followed about the Bridge.

The Committee has received The Service Project Plan.

There are two concerns that the Committee has---The Committee would like to see a Scaled drawing of the bridge, to review and comment on. Also, the Committee would like to see someone with a Construction or Engineering expertise, review the construction concept of the Bridge.

After Emerson gave his update concern was expressed about the depth of the footers and the lumber being proposed for the span of the bridge. It was suggested that 2x12's doubled up be used. Also, the depth of the anchors (should be 2-3 feet).

The Committee received another report from Susan on the Bat project.

Also, an update on the grass cutting done in HPR- all necessary grass cutting has been done. No further grass cutting projected.

Thank you, Debi, Carlos, and David, for moving three mounds of wood chips. We will still need more wood chips for other areas in HPR.

Update on the flower garden- All planting, weed pulling, etc. done.

Update on the staining of the benches/tables/etc.-I need to contract Mike (PMP) to get a schedule to remove and replace some of the boards on the benches and tables.

Status of the Trekker- no longer functioning. Committee has agreed to allow the Trekker to be picked up and removed from the Maintenance area.

Status of the Cub grass cutter-- Steve will check and advise if the blade, carburetor and other parts can be obtained to fix the Cub grass cutter

Horse Pen Run Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

In attendance were: Benu, Carlos, Debi, Bob, Steve, Tony, Rob, Emerson, and David
Absent; Aaron

Report from Emerson, about the bridge. Emerson presented his progress report on the bridge, together with some changes based on input from the Committee. There was a question and answer session, with addition suggested changes or additions. Emerson will contact Mike (PMP) regarding the company vehicles.

Report from Sue, about the bat monitoring. This email was distributed to the Committee.

Paint project of benches and tables ...Color green The Committee decided upon Olympic exterior wood stain, with Forest green the color, to match our CountrySide green logo. Mike(PMP) will advise how much and when PMP can pick up for the painting project
There were no Volunteers for this project

Rebuild the "walkover" at the Pond on the Deer trail. Looking for Volunteers...this project will take 2 to 3 hours to do.

Put down two pallets, at the foot of the Eagle trail, near the stream to allow a walkover, when this area is muddy. The Committee decided not to put down pallets and leave this area in its natural state.

Kayak proposal for HPR, as an Eagle Scout project. Mr Akash Piya, currently a Life Scout in troop 956 of Potomac Falls made a presentation about a Kayak/canoe rack. There was a question and answer session. Mr. Piya's plan was to do this in the Sept/Oct of this year. After much discussion on this project and the process for approval, the Committee could not meet this time frame. Mr. Piya withdrew his project.

The Committee decided to cut up all of the "old bridge" and remove from the area. This will be done by the end of August.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM

Dave Barrie

Horse Pen Run Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M.

In attendance were: Debi, Carlos, Bob, Aaron, Rob, and David

Absent were : Benu, Steve and Tony

Emerson will email his report on the bridge project-Received and sent out to Committee on Sept. 10

Status of staining the benches and tables in HPR- expect to be completed this week.

Rebuild the "walkover" at the Pond on the Deer trail. Looking for Volunteers...this project will take 2 to 3 hours to do.

Several members will check out what needs to be done, as part of the grass cutting on Saturday, Sept. 14

The Committee decided to cut up all of the "old bridge" and remove from the area.- Done.

Also, the Committee wants the log under the new bridge cut up and check for blockage downstream, as part of the grass cutting on Sept. 14

Report from Susan on the Bat monitoring project- received report and sent to Committee on Sept 11.

One more cutting of grass in HPR projected for this Saturday, Sept 14

Suggestion of a Plaque for the bridge- Recognizing Emerson and the Troop. Approved by Committee.

Asked for Volunteers for the Fall Fest--may have 2 or 3.

More mulch received and will be distributed in HPR--date TBD.

No meeting will be held on October 14.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Dave Barrie