

Richmond Trails Committee

3-15-16

Minutes

Present: Tyler Merritt, Jean Bressor, Jim Monahan, Callie Ewald and Martha Marciel

Absent: John Hammerslough and Ian Stokes

There is one open spot on the committee.

7-8pm

Jon Kart- guest

- Jon Kart presentation- He is concerned about invasive plants such as Japanese Barberry, Poison Parsnip, and Japanese Knotweed. Not only are they invasive, but some like the Barberry also encourage mice, which often also carry ticks with Lyme Disease.

There is an invasive plant management plan for the town. The town has a significant flood plain forest that needs to be protected. Many volunteer hours have helped to decrease the invasive plants significantly. They mapped invasive infestations around the trails and would like to repeat this in late May/early June. Jon wanted to know if the committee would participate. So far they have focused on the Rivershore trail and would be open to expanding to other trails.

The trail committee agreed to work to help inventory what invasives we observe. Jon will provide additional information to the committee when the time gets closer.

Jon also raised the concern about erosion happening near the canoe access at the Beeken Preserve and along Volunteer's Green.

- Welcome to the new co-chairs, Callie and Jean! Thanks in advance for your leadership of the committee.
- Tyler walked potential entrances to the Preston trails along Thompson Rd. The committee feels it could be disruptive to Billy Preston to access the trail along his driveway, so Tyler is exploring other options.

Next step would be to talk with Billy about placing the trail on the far side of his shed and the potential number of people who may access it (Tyler and Ian). Karen Yaggy is building some map boxes for the Rivershore and Preston Trailheads. **The committee will walk the upper section of the Preston Property soon to work out the plans for the next trail extension.** The committee needs to then update the landowners who have given permission to have parts of the trail on their land about the planned extensions.

- The committee is going to start exploring trail options near Sunshine's property.
- **Work Party on the Volunteers Green trail at 5:30 on 4/19.** A chainsaw and a Pulaski are needed. Jean spoke with Harlan about it. Meet at the playground.
- A tree came down on the Jericho Road Trail and mud has covered the trail. **Jim will cut the tree and reform the trail.**
- Ian send-off after the work party on 4/19, at Stone Corral. Thanks, Ian for all of your work and dedication!