

30 March 2017

Horticultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes:

Called to order 6:05 pm by Debbie Clark

Present: Andrew, Ellen, Sara, Doug, Debbi, Kelly

Absent: Tom Ferguson, Pam Garver

Ellen Speicher as acting secretary.

The minutes from 23 Feb 2017 were read and one correction was noted:
Under Charge of the Committee #1. Should read encompasses horticulture in the entire MillCreekMetroPark.

Minutes were approved and accepted with the correction. Motion Doug, second Sara.

Old Business

1. Accession records for 2016 will be available at the next meeting.
2. Ellen made a motion that the mission of the Horticultural Advisory Committee be expanded to monitor and evaluate the horticultural education programs offered by Mill Creek Metro Parks. Sara seconded the motion: motion discussed and approved.
3. Forestry needs were discussed and Doug presented a paper "Re-establish Forestry Crew Overview". This paper reviews the current forestry crew and existing conditions of tree maintenance in MCMP. Doug was commended for his presentation. Committee members are to review the Forestry Crew overview and bring comments to the next meeting.
* Discussion was held that the forestry issues should be presented at a MCMP Board Work Session.
Debbie would like to the first presentation of the Horticultural Advisory Committee report at the May MCMP Board meeting.
4. Andrew presented list and inventory of pesticides and fertilizers used at FRG during 2016. Andrew will request a list of pesticides used by the Operations Dept. Doug mentioned that Aqua Shade had been used in the Lily Pond in the past and raised the question as to what is being used currently.

5. HAC goals are to review and revise mission of the HAC as initially presented; review Forestry Crew/Tree Maintenance, pesticide and fertilizer use; Horticulture Education if added to mission. Identify other topics to review and revisit goals.
6. Forestry and Tree Maintenance in Boardman?

New Business

1. Andrew encouraged HAC to promote volunteerism at MCMP.
2. Board proposal to be finalized at April meeting.

Forestry Crew Overview attached

Next Meeting ; Monday 24 Apr 2017 6 pm Briar Hill Cabin

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted: Pamela Garver, sec 23 Apr 2017