

27 Nov 2017

Approved Minutes of the Horticulture Committee

Present: Deby Clark, Andrew Pratt, Ellen Speicher, Pam Garver

Absent: Kelly Bowell, Doug Pezzuto

Awaiting replacement: Sara, Tom

Called to order 6:05 pm

Minutes correction: correct spelling of Malleske, remove his cell phone number. Change forestry crew to re-hire arborist or other forestry professional.

Minutes approved as corrected.

Ellen will assume secretary responsibilities at Jan 2018 meeting.

Old Business:

Ellen presented position paper about the need for an arborist at last MCMP Board Meeting 13 Nov 2017. She made the decision to not include information about the seven regional parks and their forestry/arborist crews as the information is too disparate.

The question needs to be brought forward about what sort of training the maintenance crew currently has for tree work and the possibility of lawsuits if someone is injured. Prerequisite for hiring an arborist should include a requirement for a minimum number of years of experience.

Kelly is continuing to work on the pesticide/fertilizer data.

New Business:

Call Mandy to set up meetings at other park sites if there are meeting facilities available at: Yellow Creek, FRG, Ellsworth Nature Preserve, Buckeye Horse Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Kirkmere, Lily Pond, Egypt Swamp Wetlands, McGuffey Nature Preserve, Experimental Farm, Pioneer Pavilion, Ford Nature Center, Rocky Ridge, Stitt Pavilion. Meeting at these sites will be to assess needed tree work, checking for invasive plants and landscaping upkeep with the exception of wild areas which are not professionally landscaped or have no trails or buildings.

Waiting to hear about replacement members for HC.

Motion activated cameras are being installed at FRG for security of the plants, premises and statuary.

Next Meeting 25 Jan 2018 4 pm FRG

Adjourn 7:30 pm