

Horticulture Committee 30 Oct 2017

Present: Deby , Doug, Kelly, Ellen, Andrew, Pam

Absent: Sara

Called to order 6:05 pm

Minutes accepted and approved.

Old Business

Randy Maleske cell phone: 330 885 5989 or Operations: 330 740 7111 call with any issues noticed within the park.

Issue about the need to re-establish a forestry crew raised by HC at Sept 2017 MCMPB meeting will be discussed further at the budgetary meeting. Ellen will present a position paper at Nov MCMPB meeting to further explain our concerns and an overview of what the forestry crew has been responsible for in the past. Ellen suggested that we contact regional parks which are comparable to MCMP about their use of forestry crews and whether their crews are full-time, part-time or contracted services. The seven parks to be contacted are: Summit, Stark, Medina, Geauga, Five Rivers, Great Parks of Hamilton County and Toledo Metroparks. Potential questions to include size of park, budget, size of forestry crew, etc.

Kelly –Gauga

Doug-Summit

Ellen – Toledo and Medina

Deby- Five Rivers and Great Parks of Hamilton County

Pam- Stark County Metroparks

Email results to Ellen by Nov 8 2017

Kelly is continuing work on pesticide/fertilizer records.

Rose care is resolved for this year.

High tunnel is on hold

New Business

Motion passed at Sept MCMPB meeting to terminate non-participatory committee members.

MCMPB to appoint new member from current roster of applicants until roster is exhausted.

Tom will be replaced on HC committee.

Sara has resigned from HC committee

HC committee discussed touring or meeting at other MCMP facilities in the spring.

There need to be more prominent signage at FRG to alert visitors that there is no picnicking and no pets allowed in FRG. Address issue of no on site rangers at FRG which makes enforcing the rules of the garden even more difficult also raises issues of security for those leaving the Davis Center after dark.

Next MCMPB 13 Nov 6 pm Canfield

Next HC meeting 27 Nov at Birch Hill

Adjourned at 7:30 pm