

TNC Committee Meeting December 5, 2019

Attendance: Emily Eisbruch, Avi Eisbruch, Elizabeth Morehead, Heidi Zuchar, Pam O'Neal, Jim Vallem, Mike Tucker, Mary Manthey, Elsa Stuber

2nd grade classes at Thurston creating brochures for the pond – Reinhart Realtors will be using the brochures when selling homes in the neighborhood.

Eagle Scout Projects-

Have not completed trail maintenance on East Pond Circle Trail -early snow fall might have affected completion of project. Elizabeth will reach out about status. Plan for possible workday in Spring, if Eagle Scout decides not to complete the project. Jim suggested an alternative plan for that area- Elizabeth can reach out to other Eagle Scouts.

All other Eagle Scout projects have been completed.

Animal Drops-

Live animal carrier found in the late fall empty.

Ball Python found Thanksgiving break by Thurston Family by trail.

Good family found and adopted the python.

Finances-

Tax info submitted. \$ 19,295.00 currently in account.

Looking forward-

Rain Garden Extension-Sandy and Cat- have plan and plants – looking into a grant

Prescribed burn areas- Jim – North side of the pond / parts of the prairie/ south side of the Oak Savannah/ areas need rain gardens– prescribed burns- contacted a couple groups to get bids - Apple Environmental Design and Plant Wise. Estimated \$ 3,000 cost.

Spring Plantings- Jim and Mike – shrub plantings look successful so far. Bare spots in the Prairie from water project. Jim has prairie flower seeds - going to put down this month. Lack of native grasses – would like to buy seeds for the Spring – estimated cost \$ 600-800. Has quotes from two places – will get two additional quotes.

Communications –

Emily will send out reminders about monthly meetings/ encourage more people to attend/ join the committee. Avi suggested more kiosks or signage to direct traffic towards the pond. Jim has additional wood/ more signage will be added soon.

Elizabeth & Siri working on TNC Usage Policy signs for the kiosks – notifying leash laws, picking up your trash, forbidden activities in the pond.

Workdays-need to make sure all looks good on trails for fundraiser event

Upcoming Events-

Broom Hockey and Cocoa- February 2nd 1-3pm

Snow Moon Winter Walk February 9th 6-7:30pm

Planning for the summer fundraiser - duathlon with OHAC. Date – TBD - TNC chair the event – split profits raised with OHAC pools. Running – swimming – biking event/ triathlon. Event after the pool has opened, before school is out – early June - goal to increase memberships to the pool and raise funds for TNC. Elizabeth wants to bring some members of the planning committee to TNC meeting to discuss plans. Mike suggested “treasure hunt” in the pond, involving insect identification, etc. Possibly identify goals for fundraising in TNC on a poster at the event.

Next meeting: February 6, 2020