

Thurston Nature Center Committee Meeting
April 15th, 2021 @ 7pm

Attendance: Colin Brooks, Beth Caldwell, Emily Eisbruch, Mary Manthey, Elizabeth Morehead, Pam O'Neal, Jim Vallem

Budget – same status as last month – good savings for projects planned.

Projects in the TNC

UM-Akari-music program by the amphitheater – 4/17 & 4/18 new dates after previous rain delay.

EMU-Jake-peninsula – moving very quickly clearing between path and pond. Brush piles to be removed. Planning shrubs for the area.

Eagle Scout-Gabriel-working with Elizabeth and Sandy on the rain garden
Eagle Scout-Tom Tan-hugelkultur – needs an advisor.

AAPS culvert - whole developed to the left of the culvert -Jason Bing, Emile Laurruza, and city of Ann Arbor involved. City will come out and do a live scope – figure out where the water is going.

Youth Group Workday 4/14-Sonntag Family-woodchips put out on various spots on the trails.

Controlled burns

Complaints-burns are not regenerating natives in the affected areas; smell lingers.

Concerns-frequency of burns

Discussed more communication about why we do burns – information in kiosks and online.

Earth week-scavenger hunt created by Lochlan Manthey will be posted for families to complete online. Fairy door posted outside. Communication will go out week of 4/19.

Nature Notes coming out soon.

Catherine Adams-left TNC committee and stewardship of rain garden
Lynn and Cheryl – interested as new stewards of the butterfly/ rain garden.

Colin Brooks also interested in helping.

Brecks will reestablish butterfly route in the pond area.

Shed project- Elizabeth propose outsourcing project to someone in the community to complete the project. Colin can reach out to other Scout troops to work on the project. Jim and Mike Tucker will work on a list of things to be done in the shed and give to Colin.

Goat area – attempted to burn some parts of this area. Jim worked on hauling away pine needles and sticks that would not burn. Area now ready for seeding.

Work Days– first weekend in May – community work day – encouraged to bring your own rake, shovel and wheelbarrow. Elizabeth will put together a flyer.

