

LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes

February 2, 2022 7:00 PM

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DATE: March 3, 2022

TIME: 9:20 AM

Member Attendees: Ellen Cushman, Tom Grimble, Jeffrey North, Andy Healy, Radha Iyengar,
Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander, Steve Kidder

Other Attendees: Joe Hibbard, Leonard Katz, Roger Wrubel, Peter Grey, Soren Goldsmith

1. No invoices to approve
2. Encroachment from Kendall Gardens

LMC has received notice from a concerned citizen regarding encroachment on LMC land by property owner against whom LMC enforced several years ago. Resident, Paul Laffey, on Vernon Rd. has built shed and created pathway to reach the back of his property. The pathway was dug with heavy equipment and is clearly on LMC property. It is not clear whether the shed also encroaches on LMC property. Ellen has forwarded info to Glenn Clancy seeking enforcement action.

Ellen will follow-up with Glenn Clancy.

3. At this time Ellen Cushman left the meeting to attend another Town meeting.

Minutes from January 5 LMC Meeting were presented and it was voted 7-0 to approve by roll call vote: (Tom Grimble, Jeffrey North, Andy Healy, Radha Iyengar, Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander, Steve Kidder)

Minutes from September 1 LMC Meeting were presented and it was voted 7-0 to approve by roll call vote: (Tom Grimble, Jeffrey North, Andy Healy, Radha Iyengar, Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander, Steve Kidder)

4. BHS student Soren Goldsmith then joined the meeting and presented a proposal to set up a camera trap on Lone Tree Hill. Soren showed a picture of the camera trap. Soren noted that his goal is to have younger people gain a deeper appreciation for conservation land. He is looking to promote the Lone Tree Hill conservation land. He will have a website for the project. Soren has identified a site off of the Red Maple Trail and off of the brook.

Discussion was held concerning the best site for the camera trap and concerns were raised about the proposed location based on ecological issues and proximity to the McLean Campus.

Motion was made to approve project subject to approval as to appropriate site to be determined by Andy Healy working with Soren and Roger Wrubel.

It was voted 7-0 to approve by roll call vote: (Tom Grimble, Jeffrey North, Andy Healy, Radha Iyengar, Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander, Steve Kidder)

5. Invasives Working Group

Jeff North reported on the Invasives Working Group and noted that the IWG has met twice in the last month. The IWG has prepared a draft charge that was presented for review. Discussion held concerning draft charge and revisions were made.

It was voted 7-0 to approve by roll call vote: (Tom Grimble, Jeffrey North, Andy Healy, Radha Iyengar, Adriana Bobinchock, Carl Solander, Steve Kidder)

Jeff also reported that IWG has developed a draft work plan which could be used as a bid document.

Tom suggested we share the draft of the work plan and then discuss at next meeting. Tom noted that the goal is to have the IWG identify priorities which can then be reviewed with budgetary considerations in mind.

Joe Hibbard noted that the Partere report reviewed the entire property and identified which projects were most important.

Radha noted suggestion that there could be an invasive identification walk. Consensus was this is a good idea and should be discussed at future meeting.

6. Joe Hibbard gave update on Zone 3 project. The McLean representatives on LMC (Tom Grimble, Andy Healy, Adriana Bobinchock, Steve Kidder) did not participate in this discussion. Joe noted that comments had been submitted to the Planning Board. Subsequently Joe and Ellen met with Jack Dawley and put together a memorandum that was submitted to the Planning Board with the following issues identified and with recommendations for how to address these issues:

- Hydrology
- Planting
- Long-term maintenance
- Trail head location marker

Jack Dawley has agreed that the recommendations in the memorandum can be set as conditions on site plan approval. Memorandum is posted on PB website.

7. Tom noted the request to post a map of Lone Tree Hill on Town website. He will make sure that map gets on website.
8. Discussion was held concerning recommendation that LMC members be on the lookout for possible grant funding sources.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.