

**Invasives Working Group (IWG)  
of the Land Management Committee (LMC) for Lone Tree Hill  
Meeting Minutes: February 9, 2022  
All participation by Zoom**

IWG-LMC Members Present: Jeffrey North  
IWG Members Present: Joe Hibbard, Leonard Katz  
Members of the Public Present: Radha Iyengar, Peter Gray

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DATE: March 22, 2022  
TIME: 2:59 PM

The meeting convened at 7:00pm

Agenda items and discussion:

**1) Review related proceedings of the LMC meeting on Feb. 2**

In response to Tom Grimble's mention of the desirability a working map to show our plant and area priorities, efforts, and progress, etc., Joe will investigate mapping capabilities and report back to the IWG.

This working group is seeking budget and expenditure level guidance for work to be contracted in 2022 and beyond. Radha sent a note to Tom Grimble requesting a financial report at the next LMC meeting.

**2) Discuss next steps for 2022 season**

- a) Existing priorities as shown on 2020 Plan
- b) Additional areas on LTH / species to be included in 2022 priorities

The working group reviewed the draft 2022 work plan and made several suggestions relating to which herbicide to use (let the vendor indicate the appropriate product to use) and adding several knotweed patches in specific locations to the plan. Joe Hibbard will incorporate these suggestions into the document.

Joe will contact Miles Connors of Parterre and set up a meeting at the site to review the proposed 2022 work plan, get his thoughts on the appropriateness of the work plan and request a budget range for implementation. Jeff and Leonard to attend. IWG will then report to the LMC at the March meeting.

**3) Next steps for creating a long term plan**

Jeff North will draft an *outline* for the long-term plan for discussion at the March meeting of the IWG.

**4) Update on volunteer days (BCF Earth Day, Liberty Mutual, etc.)**

The group discussed the offer from Liberty Mutual to bring volunteers to LTH in May. Leonard Katz will organize a volunteer day, which could include pulling garlic mustard in various locations, including the border area between Rock Meadow and LTH. Jeff North will bring this to the agenda for the next Conservation Commission meeting to seek permission to operate with volunteer labor in this section of Rock Meadow conservation land. The IWG will seek approval from the LMC for same at the next LMC meeting. Peter Gray offered his assistance with organizing and leading the volunteers.

The group discussed the suggestion from the Belmont Citizens Forum board to hold a field trip on LTH, an invasive species identification and primer on removing certain species. This will be discussed further at the next LMC meeting and planned for May or June.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey North