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January 22, 2015 OM PSAC Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Attendees

Bill McCormack

Dan Damore

Dan Kirk-Davidoff

John McCoy

Gerry Witte

Topics

- Any recent CA Open Space Policy Changes? ==> *Dan Damore indicated that CA is doing a complete budget and organization review. He indicated that some changes may be forthcoming but no final decisions have been made.*
- Review of the Patriot Lane Pond Project ==> *G. Witte mentioned that he and Mike Greenburg visited the Patriot Lane Pond area in the fall of 2014 and found the area to be somewhat of a disappointment. Dan Damore indicated that there was some improvement made on the West side of the pond (plantings) since that time and that the East side of the pond would be planted in the spring of 2015. The PSAC should revisit this area and get back to the CA OSMD.*
- Possible Additional Oakland Mills "Beautification Projects"? ==> *The PSAC nominated two areas within Oakland Mills that are candidates for a "Beautification Project". The first is at the corner of Stevens Forest Road and Kilimanjaro Road adjacent to the Stevens Forest Elementary School. The second is the wooded area on Farewell Road across from Fallen Stone. We agreed to all get together for a site visit to decide how to proceed. Jonathan Edelson should also attend along with representative(s) from HCPSS. Everyone will be notified when a site visit date is established.*
- Review of "Best Practices Document" ==> *Not much has been accomplished on this document lately but Dan Damore said that the*

current document (mostly in outline format) would be circulated to the OM PSAC.

- **Multi-use pathway from Rt. 29 Bridge to Stevens Forest Road - who is responsible?** ==> *This topic was overlooked and not discussed. **G. Witte** will email Dan Damore to find out the answer to this question.*
- **CA Open Space Bordering Private Property (past casual maintenance agreements and some resulting deterioration property maintenance)** ==> *The CA OSMD requested an "Open Space Covenant Advisor position" that would handle concerns about "Open Space covenant violations" and significant open space changes that have occurred over the years. Unfortunately, that position was not funded. The OM PSAC endorses such a position. **Further discussion on this topic is needed.***
- **CA Open Space Vegetation Management Plan?** ==> *The CA OSMD indicated that CA is working with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources who will provide a review and plan for vegetation management of CA forested Open Space. This effort is associated with the Maryland Forest Stewardship Program. The OM PSAC thinks this is WONDERFUL news!!!! John McCoy also mentioned that there will be an Environmental Cleanup day this coming July 14. This activity should be promoted at OM Board Meetings and the OM Village Newsletter (**Sandy**) as we get closer to the scheduled date.*
- **PSAC Support for Increased Open Space Management Division Resources** ==> *The OM PSAC reiterated their support for increased importance and increased resources for the CA OSMD. The **OM Village Board** and the **OM PSAC** should continue to encourage other Village Boards to establish a similar committee in their Villages.*

Red Text indicated action item responsibilities.

Minutes by G. Witte