

GHPC Meeting

7pm

Home of Sid Callahan
5 Massachusetts Ave
Worcester, MA 01609

Meeting called by: Brian McCarthy **Type of meeting:** General
Facilitator: Brian McCarthy **Note taker:** Lori Rauktis
Attendees: Paul and Nancy Powers, Dale Harger, Ken Lundquist, Brian McCarthy, Debra Bolz, Larry Freed,
 Kristen Maki, Sid Callahan, Lori Rauktis
 Guest: Sam Ciciolla

Minutes

Agenda item: Treasurer Report **Presenter:** Ken Lundquist

Discussion:

- accepted

Conclusions:

- o Vote to accept – passed

Agenda item: Agenda items **Presenter:** Brian McCarthy

Discussion:

- o NOTE: Need to have a meeting just to discuss these 3 issues Old Quarry, lab building, and community gardens - meeting to be scheduled for February 2015
- o ALB – 542 trees removed from GHP along Green Hill Ave and Colby Ave – exposed a fence in deplorable condition
- o Canoe launch – not being completed at this time all \$\$ to farm/zoo
- o New ‘hook-up’ area in park near the soccer fields
- o Tech school students will be donating vet tech and carpentry to farm/zoo
- o Army guard has moved out of Skyline Dr except for the motor pool
- o Spray park – no current movement
- o Dog park site at top of hill is no longer viable. There has been talk of regional dog parks throughout the city versus one large park
- o Park security – hired 1 person, 2 more to be hired. Guards will work 2nd shift Monday-Friday (days Saturday and Sunday). Guards will be equipped with radios, AED, first aid supplies and have GHP as a focus
- o Disc golf –proposal supplied to GHPC from vendor looking to create disc golf course in GHP. He proposes using an unused section of park and will provide all labor and supplies – tabled for this meeting
- o New location for GHPC funds – lunch proposed with Greater Worcester Community Foundation to review their program on how to invest our funds – Brian to set up and

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Dale to join him.

- Conclusions:**
- Larry to look into canoe launch – believed to be part of original CR.
 - Need a meeting to discuss disc golf proposal
 - Per request from Dale – Brian to contact vendor and get some websites to view about disc golf
 - Brian to schedule a visit to Newton Hill disc golf course – after Christmas -- Ken motion – Dale second

Agenda item: New business

Presenter: Brian McCarthy

Discussion:

- Umass is trading land with DOT – something to be aware of with our land trade and CR with them
- Vernal pools – part of the original CR called for 5 year study on vernal pools. Study is complete
 - Final report
 - pools A & B are in good shape
 - pool C water fluctuates greatly causing it to be dry and it is being over taken by growth. Pool is not functioning the way it should – recommend wool grass to be removed. Larry suggested this be a project for the Tech school environmental students to clean out before the spring breeding season
- Chestnut tree orchard has full support – a section of the orchard will be assigned to each new incoming freshman class at Tech school.
- Tech school is looking for a donation for the students hydrponic lab – Ken suggests a stipulation attached to the donation requiring, for example, the students clean Pool C. We also need a formal written request in writing.

- Conclusions:**
- Brian to contact school to see about students weeding Pool C
 - Brian to mention to school need formal written request for donation

Adjourn 815pm