

GHPC Meeting

7pm

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Meeting called by: Brian McCarthy **Type of meeting:** General/update

Facilitator: Brian McCarthy **Note taker:** Lori Rauktis

Attendees: Sid Callahan, Nancy and Paul Powers, Ken Lundquist, Andrew Noone, Huck Truesdale, Dale Harger, Brian McCarthy, Lori Rauktis

Minutes

Agenda item: Treasurer Report and previous meeting minutes **Presenter:** Brian McCarthy & Ken Lundquist

Discussion:

- accepted

Conclusions:

- o Vote to accept – passed

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Discussion:

- o Asian Long Horned Beetle (ALB) - major infestation by Lincoln St I290 on ramp. So many trees found by Plantation Towers that they stopped counting >200 major infested trees.
- o Anyone that may be interested in attending the Green Hill Park Neighborhood Association meets last Monday of every month at St. Bernards church
- o new financial plan for GHPC funds - Worcester Community Foundation (149mil invested in 2014 - 4% return last qtr, 7% for the year)
 - all current CD;s mature by 3/23/15
 - motion to move funds to Worcester Community Foundation in amount to be determined by GHPC President and Treasurer (Brian McCarthy and Ken Lunquist)
 - Huck motion, Dale 2nd - approved
- o Disc golf - vote required
 - Brian opinions of Newton Hill Disc Golf - baskets are non-intrusive, no issues with hikers that are known of
 - Rob Antonelli is requiring a maintenance proposal from disc golf people that does not require any works from parks personnel
 - only place houses can be observed in the proposed area at GHP is near the Noone's neighborhood
 - it is another use of the park
 - Kristen Maki is in favor - via email
 - Debra Bolz has a concern over maintenance, erosion, and how the serenity of the location would change - via email

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- Julie Komenos opposed - via email
- GHPC actually has no legal opinion in issue - we can offer an opinion to parks department, but ultimately we have no legal obligation as the disc golf course does fall under the proper use clause of the original CR
- Golf person says that the proposed course in GHP will not cross a single hiking trail
- Mary Keefe feels too much at GHP all at once - feels should wait on decision - via Ken
- Ken against wants no development of the park
- Dale suggests taking a neutral stance because GHPC board is divided
- Huck agrees with 'divided' as some are for and others against
- board is split - discussed with out a consensus so we are not taking a stance
- annual meeting
 - will be Wednesday April 22, 2015 at Grill on the Hill
 - Peter Church - Director of Forest Stewardship at DCR will be speaker and discuss ALB
 - Lori design invite, Nancy and Sid will mail
 - Brian to book Grill on the Hill
 - Brian to call Kristen and see if will handle nominating committee again
- Arbor Day at GHP Refectory on Saturday May 2, 2015
 - 16 Chestnut saplings to be donated
 - GHPC to participate??
 - have a display table, maps and hikes offered
 - brochure to be created with stuff from website - almost all present agree to help to get ready

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