

Greenbelt & Trails Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 4, 2024, 6:00 PM
Crow's Nest (no hybrid)

Members:

Dean Dyson
Sandy Nelson
Tamra Ingwaldson (Excused)
Sue Klemp
Mary Ann Wagner
Dan Richter
Janet Richter
Kristi Gray (Excused)
Alan Sande (Excused)
Phyllis Antonson

Guest: John Ingemi

Motion: Moved by Sue K. and seconded by Mary Ann W. to accept the minutes for December as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Trail – update

Dean mentioned that the office staff said that a member had wanted a tree removed that fell from the greenbelt onto Aycliffe between Tenby and Lambeth. The tree was removed from the road several weeks ago but is still on the side of the road. John Ingemi thought he might know someone who might want the wood.

Discussed a possible walking path or sidewalk on St. Andrews, fire station to pro-shop. Janet R. was asked to look into what it would take to request Mason County to put in a sidewalk(s) in our community.

Litter Pick-up

The next litter pick-up event is being planned for January 27, 2024. It was emphasized that this event needs to be promoted in the community. The office will be asked to add this event and the need for training (link to the safety video) to the LL calendar. Other community communication sources should be used too.

Dog Off Leash Area

The BOD approved this committee's motion for a survey on a dog off leash area. The plan is to conduct a survey on this and other topics. Dean will be contacting Mandy and Mitch to help get this going. The suggested survey is attached to minutes.

Emergency Management

Kristi was unable to make the meeting with Bob Burbridge from Mason Emergency Management this morning, so it was rescheduled for Thursday the 11th at 1 PM.

Tree planting in greenbelt along Mason Lake Road

The homeowner adjacent to this area had some suggestions as to how this replanting might go. He got bids for cleanup of debris from the tree cutting, putting in a berm and the planting of Leland Cyprus. The 3 bids ran from \$10,000 to \$15,000, which is more than the money available for this project. The committee also has several objections to the presented bids. It was thought that the greenbelt should be restored with native plants, trees, and undergrowth. That the current plants there should be allowed to grow back and fill in between the newly planted trees. The Leland Cyprus were thought not to be a good choice because they are not native, they grow fast, tall and wide not allowing other native plants to grow around them. Several members of the committee who have Leland Cyprus or are familiar with them, do not like them. It is therefore thought that we will go back to our original plan to plant firs and/or cedar trees in the greenbelt with some outside contractor and some LL ground crew help.

Next month's meeting will be on February 1, 2024

Submitted by Dean Dyson

Survey (draft)

Dog Off-Leash Area and Community Garden Survey

History of these ideas: On a survey presented about 2 years ago to the Lake Limerick community several respondents suggested that an off-leash dog area would be a good addition to the community. As a result, the Greenbelt and Trails Committee started discussing this possibility and looking at some of the greenbelt areas and properties owned by the community for their potential to be developed into a dog off leash area. An additional idea is to have an area for a community garden.

The purpose of this survey is to get a more complete idea of the wishes of the community regarding a possible dog off-leash area and/or a community garden area.

Questions: Please give your Division _____ and Lot # _____

1. Do you currently have a dog? Yes No

2. Have you ever used a dog off-leash area? Yes No

3. How would you rate your experience using a dog off-leash area?
Excellent Very good Fair Poor

4. Would you support a dog off-leash area for the Lake Limerick community? Yes No

5. Would you use a dog off-leash area with your pet? Yes No Maybe

How Often? Daily Weekly Sporadically

6. What concerns do you have regarding a dog off-leash area?

7. Would you support a Community Garden for the LLCC community? Yes No

8. Would you be interested in renting a growing plot in a community garden? Yes No

9. What concerns do you have regarding a community garden?

10. Do you have additional suggestions for ways to utilize undeveloped properties owned by LLCC?

11. Final comments?

