

Long Beach Land Conservation Committee Minutes 11-7-18

Attendees:

Annabelle Juhasz

David Hoppe

Martha Maust

Joy Schmidt (town council liason)

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm

Martha reported on trees that have been planted in the front yard of the community center, on Oriole Trail at the corner outside the fence of the playground at the community center, and at Melrose Park. These are the trees that we obtained from Communitree program and planted in the spring of 2018. Late summer some of the trees were beginning to have some damage on the trunks which appeared to probably be caused by young bucks rubbing their new antlers on the trunks. Some of the trunks were showing damage completely circumferential. Martha contacted Brian and he eventually secured some black piping around the trunks. At this point we will wait to see if the trees survive the damage, but won't know until spring. Martha recommends that we keep the protection in place for the long term.

The Higdon family has donated money from their annual 4th of July Run to place mulch at the beginning of the path toward Moon Valley. He will be working out the placement of the mulch with the town clerk. It is agreed that we want to entrance to be more visible and accessible and try to increase use of the recreational resource.

The second date for Stockwell Woods clean up will be on Saturday November 10th 10am-1pm with a rain date of November 11th. David reported that the project is progressing well and will complete the work on Saturday. 10 bonfires have been built and burn is planned for

February. Joy Schmidt will discuss the controlled burn with Dave Albers, fire chief.

Joy Schmidt attended at tree ordinance workshop and she reported that to create a tree ordinance, it would be mandatory to have all public trees inventoried by a certified arborist, so the town would know the condition of every tree in public spaces. This undertaking is monumental in Long Beach because of the large number of trees in the town. So Joy Schmidt will work on making the tree ordinance simpler, but trying to address the issue of tree removal and replacement with emphasis on native trees.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Maust

Adjourned @ 6:05pm