



OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY TRUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 20th, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Hildebrandt called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM

Chair Thomas Hildebrandt, Vice Chair Carol Lynn Berseth, Secretary Geraldine Poor, and Trustees, Hillary Ethe, Craig Olson and Councilmember Anderl participated remotely using a video teleconferencing platform by Zoom.

Staff participating remotely included: Deputy Public Works Director Alaine Sommargren, Parks Operations Manager Sam Harb, Natural Resources Project Manager Lizzy Stone

PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

There were no public appearances.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approve Minutes of the November 18th, 2021, Meeting

Moved by Berseth; Seconded by Olson to:
Approve the Minutes of the November 18th meeting.
PASSED

2. Annual Report to Council and 2022 Annual Work plan

Staff Natural Resources Project Manager Lizzy Stone discussed the draft 2021 annual report.

The Board discussed and provided feedback on the 2022 Annual Work Plan including noting scrivener's errors and suggested a clarification to add "invasive species removal" to the last sentence under forest health. Deputy Director Sommargren mentioned the trails portion of the report might be missing a section of the Ravine trail that might be missing, staff will double check on this.

Chair Hildebrandt discussed the work plan and staff moving to a 4 meeting a year schedule from 6, suggested a vote to accept this change.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Poor to;
Move the meeting to the third Thursday of the month each quarter
PASSED

Deputy Public Works Director Sommargren presented the 2022 work plan. No further discussion by the Trust regarding the work plan other that they were in agreement with it.

3. Trail Network Expansion on Trust properties

Trust board discussed the possibility of adding trails on Trust properties. Trustees discussed maintenance implications, volunteer opportunities and other parks plans that might concern trail expansion. Staff gave input on environmental impacts of opening up new trails in the open space. Another suggestion was that staff could evaluate trails in the park and recommend how they could be re routed or changed to improve connectivity.

OTHER BUSINESS

Quadrant Reports

Northwest quadrant – Very busy, well used, tree had fallen down and was reported on MI Connect app. Woodpecker trail muddy.

Northeast quadrant – maintenance work has been done well, including muddy trouble spots, ivy starting to come back up trees

Southeast quadrant – ivy starting to come back up trees, trails are well maintained

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21st, 2022, at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Open Space Conservancy Trust, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM

Thomas Hildebrandt, OSCT Chair

Attest:

Andrea Larson, City Clerk