

**ASHBURN FARM ASSOCIATION
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

21 April 2009

| ATTENDEES | | | | | |
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| X | Mike Reilly Chairman | X | Karen Tabor Secretary | X | Marc Ripperger Member |
| X | Ed Valaer Vice Chairman | X | Jeremy Cushman Director of Ops | X | Steve Lubore Member |
| | Jackie Hottle Member | X | Tammi Marcoullier Guest | | |
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OPENING

Chairman Mike Reilly called the April 2009 Open Space Committee (OSC) meeting to order at 6:40 pm at the Windmill Community Center.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the March 2009 meeting were approved as revised.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Vice Chairman Ed Valaer attended the 14 April 2009 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting. Several items were discussed at the BOT meeting that involves the Open Space Committee (OSC) projects.

1. The OSC would like to place brown rubber recycled mulch under the tables and benches at Chokeberry Square. Ed described the numerous benefits of this mulch and asked the BOT to seriously consider this option. Shirley Tabor, ARB Chairperson, stated the use of rubber mulch was disapproved by the ARB due to its numerous disadvantages. The BOT took no action.
2. The OSC recommended a tin, gazebo-style roof be designed for the Pavilion. The BOT approved the hiring of an architect to design such a structure.
3. The OSC recommended that the new replacement fountain in Windmill Pond have a larger pump than the one currently in place. The BOT approved the purchase of a pump not to exceed \$11,000. Jeremy will obtain bids for both 5 and 7.5 hp pumps.
4. The Beautification Day event is scheduled for April 25.

B. OSC Projects in work:

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1. Marc Ripperger provided a "park-like" design for the Chokeberry Square bench and picnic table area. He suggested one table, three benches, and one trash can be purchased for the area. Wood mulch is to be used under the tables and benches. Upon final approval by the ARB, the OSC will request that the BOT approve \$6,500 in funds for the project.
2. The utilization of Area 12 remains on the project listing even though permanent structures may not be built on a floodplain area. Jeremy said that wildflower seeds had been purchased to seed the area. Upon completion, this project will be dropped from the listing.
3. Ed Valaer reported that plans for Beautification Day are moving forward. He has received positive responses from 82 people. He noted that business did not respond with donated items as they did last year. Jeremy will ask the BOT for \$300 to be used for the purchase of pizzas and water.
4. The OSC recommended a tin, gazebo-style roof using the current foundation, header, and posts be designed for the Pavilion. Since the BOT approved the hiring of an architect, Jeremy will move forward with this action.
5. Entrance signs remain on the list of projects. Signs are needed at Claiborne Parkway by Trailside Park, the Hay Road entrance coming from Ashburn Road, and Ashburn Farm Parkway and Belmont Ridge Road. The OSC decided that small signs, not requiring a site survey by Loudoun County, would be appropriate. The signs would be like the one at the Windmill Community Center. Jeremy will obtain bids for the signs.
6. The skate park issue has been tabled indefinitely.
7. Additional trees and landscaping remains on the list of projects; however, due to funding issues, no action is currently being taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CLOSING:

- A. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. The OSC will meet on Tuesday, 26 May at 6:30 pm at the Windmill Community Center.
- B. Submitted by: Karen Tabor, Secretary.