

## **Minutes Cow Pasture Committee**

**Thursday – November 19, 2020**

**5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

In Attendance: Chris Russo-Fraysier, Tim Rapenzynski, Fab Pattison, Mike Perrigo, Jim Deshler, Carl Hilton VanOsdall

Non-Committee Members in Attendance: None

- Call to order: 5:35 pm
- Adjustments to Agenda: Recent activities in the Pasture
- Approval of minutes (9-17-2020): Moved–Mike. Seconded-Fab. All in favor -Motion passes
- Agenda Items:

### **Communication Policy Reading:**

#### **Updates:**

**Cow Pasture Logo**-Tim has contacted individuals whose entries were incorporated into the new logo. He will share the logo on Facebook. The logo will be used on correspondence, brochures and to promote the Pasture. Creating T-shirts and buttons with the Logo was a suggestion.

#### **SnoBees-**

- SnoBees have provided the Committee with Contact list. City/Committee contact list created with Chris and Mike as Committee contacts. Chris will share Lists with all members and Mike will forward to appropriate SnoBee members.
- Gate- ATV's were entering the pasture from the entrance and using the trail system. The gate was installed to prevent unallowed trail use. The gate entry is barely wide enough for the groomer and has already been repaired, the width enlarged and posts repositioned by VYCC staff. The Committee discussed whether there is a current need for the gate. The gate will remain in place this year. If damaged, replacement with a more conventional metal gate or removal will be discussed. Mike Perrigo will reach out to Adam Martin (adjoining landowner) to discuss the need of a gate.
- Signage installed by the Club appears to be adequate. Chris installed a Club No snow mobile sign near the existing no hunting or motorized vehicle sign at the paper street entrance as discussed at a meeting last year.
- Attachment to Club's Annual request to City- It is unknown at this time whether the attachment was appended to the request. Mike Perrigo will request a copy of the Agreement from Steve and share with the Committee.

**Committee Annual Report**- Fab motion to Approve submittal of the edited revision. Mike seconded. All in favor. Chris will submit to Jody.

**City Council Presentation**- Chris will request the Committee be added to a January Council Meeting.

### **New Agenda Items:**

#### **2021 Initiatives:**

- **WinterFest**- Given current COVID restrictions and precautions a WinterFest gathering will not be sponsored this year. Fab is willing to pursue a winter treasure hunt to encourage independent exploration of the Pasture property. A visual treasure hunt will lead participants to special features and provide a COVID safe outdoor adventure for different age groups. Fab will reach out to individuals that offered to assist.
- **Spring Ephemeral Walk or Story Book-**
- **Green-up Day. May 7, 2021** (first Saturday in May).
- **National Trails Day – June 1, 2021**
- **Brush Hogging** – Early Fall. Upper Meadow is due to be brush hogged this year. Recommendation was to brush hog every 2-3 years. This coming year will have been three years.
- **Alternative entrance posting**- Identify and mark alternative entrances to the parcel with new Cow Pasture logo.

- **Shout-Out to Community Volunteers.** Chris will compose a short piece to be submitted to Front Porch Forum, Talk of the Town and posted on Facebook thanking individual that have helped maintain the Cow Pasture trails.

**Annual Kiosk Inspection:** The Manufacturer of the Kiosk contacted the City and recommended an inspection based on support failure of one of their Kiosks. The supports of the Kiosk should be inspected annually. Steve inspected in 2020 – the supports are not compromised.

**Recent Activities in the Pasture:**

- Spring has been damaged again. Large stones have been pushed into the spring. Repair will need to be completed next year since it requires two people- one needs to be in the spring.
- Invasive Removal- Chris and family have pulled and dug approximately 200 invasive burning bush this fall and have been hanging the plants in tree crotches. Amur Maple trees have been flagged in the wetland area. Removal of the trees from the wetland area was recommended (see Field Notes - September Meeting Minutes). Appropriate removal requires treating the stump to prevent sprouting or digging the trees. Work has been postponed.
- A tree that fell over trail C-6 was cut and removed by an unknown volunteer. There have been three trees removed from the C-6 trail this year.

**Adjourn:** 6:46 p.m.. Mike- Motion, seconded Tim.

**2021 Meeting Schedule:**

January 21, 2021

March 18, 2021

May 20, 2021

July 15, 2021

September 16, 2021

November 18, 2021

Time: 5:30 –6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location\*: Virtual meetings until further notice.

**Important Dates/Meetings:**

City Council Update- January 2021. Chris to Schedule