

PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

AUGUST 3 2022

PRESENT:

Tony Darin

Kevin Downes

Missy Catchen

Pam Spoor

Discussion

Audubon Preserve

6 acres

Summary of efforts to mulch the pathways sponsored by Tony Darin, Dan VonHandorf and CovCath students – the full path is now mulched and walkable

Sign is up

We need to begin reforestation with indigenous trees in the Fall – work with Tree Board to accomplish

It will be put in the Conservation Zone

We need markers for boundaries

Drop the dead trees to eliminate risk – largely ash trees

Tony calling SD1 about maintenance of access road which needs crushed rock

Parks Maintenance

We need more volunteer help and Dan needs more part time help to keep our public spaces at their best – consider for budget

Community Garden is maintained and watered by volunteers and has been well attended.

Discussion ensued of problems with inadequate trash receptacles and poor locations. Recommendation was to install one large can like those in Devou which are covered, animal proof and generous in size and remove/relocate several of the red steel cans which are frequently not emptied and cause a trash situation. Trash contains food waste, animal feces and diapers and is unsanitary and smelly. It is unfair to neighbors and park attendees.

Discussion of possible park locations on East side of Park Hills – many options considered but most found lacking especially in parking or access. The hunt for the right spot continues – cost estimates range from 50,000 to 75,000.

Hamilton Hill restoration is continuing. Cherry trees are doing well, grass has suffered do to lack of water and soil, wildflowers are doing well. We will continue to improve the area with soil additions, reseeding, plantings and the bench. Guardrail is needed.

Committee discussed and walked to park to see first hand options for safety in access to park and for traffic calming in the zone.