

Griffin Family Nature Preserve

Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2005

Present at the Meeting:

Pat Casey, Jim Owens, James Owens, Joe Asbrock, Catherine Hartman, Bill Puthoff

Topics Discussed:

- Reviewed meeting minutes from October 27, 2005
- Wildflowers winterizing. Did the winterizing process remove seeds?
- Committee agrees that it would be a good idea to plant the wildflowers all the way to the trail edge. The suggestion is to invite Bo and Paul to the text meeting.
- Committee agrees to fill in the central section of the wildflower plain with prairie grass or more wildflowers with maintenance access up to the pond to enter from the parking lot, and not from Wyscarver and drive through the center of the lower field area.
- Eagle projects:
 - James Owens presented a proposal to put in a trail and maps for the sign boards showing all trails in the Griffin Preserve. The plan was approved.
 - Names for the trails were defined as: Wildflower Trail, Pond Trail, Horncastle Trail, and North Thicket Trail
 - Kevin Teran (not present) will present to an Eagle project to label trees and flowers.
 - Andy Lyon (not present) may plan to plant trees along Wyscarver, put in some benches, and identify trees to remove from the property for his Eagle project.
 - Suggestion was brought forward to have brass (or equivalent) plaques attached to the Eagle projects to recognize the scout that performed the task.
- A brief discussion was brought forward that the Dold property could be used as an interpretive/historical building for the Griffin property. No action is planned for this at this time.
- Where applicable, the suggestion was brought forward to have residents donate money to the property with a recognition plaque attached to any benches that may be placed on the property.
- Joe Asbrock stated that he is waiting on a call back from the Hamilton County Wildlife Biologist, Dave Kohler, to meet and discuss the property.
- Joe Asbrock will organize his scouts to install 1 duck box in the pond area. Jim Owens provided Joe with additional information from George Cummings.

Action Items:

- Maintenance to install plastic cover on signboard & post guidelines.
- Maintenance to make and install 12"x20" Horncastle signboard & post guidelines.
- Jim Owens to discuss wildflowers planted to trail edge with maintenance and to see about Bo and Paul coming to the next meeting.
- Adletta to install headwall.
- Joe Asbrock to contact NRCS rep. and set up meeting to discuss plans for biological maintenance of the preserve in regard to the best plants and trees for the property as well as what should be removed.
- Joe Asbrock and scouts to install a duck box in the pond area.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 15, 2005 6:00 PM