

Land Conservation Ad-Hoc Ash Creek Community Forest Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 23rd, 2019

The Ad-Hoc meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman Steve Williamson. Those present were Steve Williamson, Melissa Luck, Chad Cosgrove, Ken Anderson, Juli VanCleve, DNR and Tammy Cannoy-Bender.

Motion made by Chad Cosgrove to approve the agenda & proof of publication; second made by Melissa Luck
Motion carried.

Last meeting minutes were approved at the May Land Conservation meeting.

#3 Finalize kiosk for main entrance; Committee reviewed draft of sign, this will be a 48"x78" sign with the trail map and a key with the length of the individual trails along with a thank you for visiting, mowed trails are maintained by the Richland County Land Conservation, a reminder to stay on the trails and reminder that donations are always welcomed along with suggestions. Chad Cosgrove also suggested a QR code of the map for people to download on their phone. The rules of the forest will be on a separate sign. The initial sign will be the trail map between 2 posts. Discussion if emergency is needed.

#4 Finalize colors for the trails; The colors on the map as is are good, the trail markers can be purchased thru Forestry Supplies with a few of the colors coming from another source.

#5 Finalize Trail Map; Juli has updated the map with the trails, the solid line trails are mowed multiuse with the dash line trails being primitive. Suggestion was to have maps of the trail at intersections with you are here. The map needs to have the fire numbers marked on the map. Melissa Luck will take the map to Lynn at the zoning office to see if she can make the map bigger without distortion of the detail. Juli can give Lynn the shape files. Once there is a high-quality map, Melissa will work on the brochure for the property.

Melissa Luck asked if there were any plans for adding a trail for ATV/UTV users? This is for another time.

#6 Ash Creek Community Forest Ordinance; The only change to the ordinance is the hour of use. The Park shall be closed to the public from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise. This will have to be taken to Corporation Counsel, Ben Southwick. The rules of The Park will be in summary form on a separate sign.

Rules of Ash Creek Community Forest

1. *Motor vehicles Prohibited except for authorized vehicles (refer to the Ordinance)*
2. *Hours of use. 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.*
3. *Fires only aloud in portable grills or other cooking devices designed to contain a fire for cooking purposes.*
4. *Shooting Weapons only aloud during designated hunting seasons*
5. *No harvesting of rees, unless authorized (refer to the Ordinance)*
6. *No Littering (Carry in Carry out all trash)*
7. *Penalties, Violations of this ordinance shall be punishable by forfeiture of between \$50 and \$250 for each violation together with taxable cost of prosecution. Failure to pay may result in confinement in the County Jail*
8. *Enforcement is by the County Sheriff and the Corporation Counsel of Richland County shall prosecute*

If there is another meeting needed it will be discussed at the regular Conservation Committee meeting.

Motion made by Melissa Luck to adjourn, second made by Chad Cosgrove. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Williamson tcb

Steve Williamson
Land Conservation Chair

SW/tcb