

Parks and Open Space Authority
Special Meeting Minutes
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Richard Shanahan opened the Meeting at 6:05 pm

Present: Richard Shanahan, John Tolbert, Wendy Burton, Wes Beeman, Leslie Bernardini, Matt Reed
Ainsley Highman, Amy Bartels and Gregory Cox

WARDENS REPORT: John Tolbert reported a tree down and removed on the Supply Ponds Peninsula. He discussed with police a report of gun shots. He did some storm cleanup on the Red trail at Supply Ponds. He addressed the dog issue at Supply Ponds.

Matt Reed discussed various upcoming talks that would interest some people. Matt has also been working on the trails and overseeing the Boy Scout projects

Billy Goat Purchase: Matt Reed is still researching and looking for the Brush Cutter he is looking to purchase.

SUPPLY PONDS:

- The Boy Scout Boardwalk project is on hold and may not be completed.
- The Boy Scout Trail project is completed in the Short Rocks Road section, was well done and Matt will send A Thank you card. This trail will be blazed with Pink Blazes.
- Matt and Rich walked the re-routed and established trail of the west side of the new pole bridge and are waiting for an estimate for work. This will be Blazed Pink
- We discussed the several dog issued going on at Supply Ponds.
- We discussed replacing the old waste bin, with the new one. Mat will be calling Public Works on it.
- The Supply Pond parking area improvement is on hold till spring per Ainsley
- The purchase of "No Dumping of Yard Waste" signs will be purchased and placed on Short Rocks Road And Chestnut Street closest to the first parking area.

HILLTOP PARK: We discussed the 7 acre property and overseeing it as part of Open Space. A circular trail could be made and access would need to be addressed.

OTHER/NEW BUSINESS:

- Status report - Open Space Facebook page continues to grow and has 639 Followers
- Amy Bartels has resigned, this was her last meeting
- The Blue Signs on the Kiosks will stay for now
- The New Year's Day hike was cancelled, but was still held for about 10 people that showed up.
- There has been ATV activity noted at Hilltop, Pieper and Queach properties
- There have been some property encroachments at Red Rocks Road and Lantern View Drive

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, February 5, at 6:00 pm at Branford Community Center