

# Banner Forest Stewardship Meeting Notes

May 2, 2017

1. Call to order @ 18:30
2. Meeting notes from April reviewed
3. Presentation on Trail Decommissioning (Lori Raymaker)
  - a. Why decommission?
    - i. Game trail that sees foot traffic
    - ii. Multiple trails to same spot
    - iii. Erosion due to existing trail system, such as fall line trail (trail not sustainable)
    - iv. Incompatible soil type
    - v. Habitat
    - vi. Hazardous conditions
  - b. How to avoid?
    - i. Proper trail design
  - c. How to decommission?
    - i. Address bad drainage
      1. Check dam usage
        - a. 60 degree angle to move water
        - b. Seal under logs with rocks, etc., to prevent water passage under log.
    - ii. Scarify the soil (break up the trail tread)
    - iii. "Plant" rocks
      1. Large rocks
      2. Plant into ground to make rock placement appear natural
    - iv. Transplant nurse logs (moss side up)
    - v. Transplant plants in natural pattern
      1. Naturally occurring in the area
    - vi. Plant vertical structures
      1. Breaks up visual trail corridor
    - vii. Scatter organic debris to disguise trail tread
    - viii. Clean up after work
      1. Fair in edges of borrow pits
    - ix. Suggested reading (attached list)
4. Old business
  - a. Tree Clearing/Trail Status Update
    - i. Donald Duck (past Broken Arrow intersection) needs annual trimming
    - ii. Rock Road-trees down
    - iii. Several trees down in NW corner
  - b. Signage project

- i. Parks planning have approved the usage of the previously utilized cedar routed signs.
      - 1. Scouts to be contacted for restarting project (Mike)
      - 2. Scouts hesitant to put signs on trees due to potential damage.
    - ii. Sign location planning map to be scanned and uploaded to Facebook (roughly 50 signs) (Kate)
  - c. Speed limit sign changes still at county level
  - d. Possible garbage can to be located on the trail above main parking lot. County to look at setting up collection time and point
  - e. E-bikes
    - i. Considered under RCW to be a motorized vehicle but less than a moped
    - ii. Many counties and area prohibit the use on mountain bike and equestrian trails, but Kitsap County does not.
  - f. Greek Row connector project design
    - i. Possibly need to establish high water mark to set height
    - ii. Logs vs Gabions question
      - 1. Natural vs industrial image in the forest
    - iii. Demolition targeted for June
      - 1. Work Party
      - 2. Day of caring
    - iv. Construction to be targeted for July
  - g. Work plan updated to reflect Croaking Frog repairs and Greek Row connector
- 5. New Business
  - a. Saturday 13 May work party
    - i. Banner Slough reroute and rolling of ditches
      - 1. Need log carriers, digging tools, pry bars
    - ii. Rocky Road blowdown removal
  - b. Restoration thinning
    - i. Timeline yet to be established
    - ii. County to be contacted (Larry)

Adjourn 20:05