

CROSSPOINTE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE – MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

IDENTIFY SECRETARY

ROLL CALL – Determine if Quorum Present

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – July 21, 2021 – (page 1)

RESIDENT TIME – 3 Minutes Each

OLD BUSINESS –

- 1) **Budget Items** – Need ideas besides the current items on T24/T32 and asphalt work that was budgeted last year but that we didn't do yet. Budget is due 9/8/21 and I need some ideas to price for the budget. - Stuart - see **FY22 OSC Budget**
- 2) **Asphalt Edge refreshing** – Heather met with paving contractor on June 18th. Got a trail backfill proposal for us to consider. Status? - Heather - (page 6)
- 3) **Grass to Forest initiative** – An article needs to be written for the Chronicle suggesting where to send donations. – Stuart
- 4) **T28 Boardwalk** – The County has indicated that surveying needs this done before considering our permit request for the boardwalk. Survey of trail and topographic map due by the end of August. Satus of work? – Ed/Heather
- 5) **8415 West Point Dr** – homeowner reports standing water in drainage trench. Reviewed at 5/29/20 field trip. Need to ask Fernando to look at situation? - Stuart
- 6) **8602 Woodwren Terrace** – Owner asking to remove a large number of trees in open space. Reviewed area on 10/23 field trip. Heather has directed the contractor to remove the trees, will follow-up with contractor to verify removal. Our tree contractor reported that he will try to have it removed. Status? – Heather
- 7) **T1 from Armetale Ln to Triple Ridge** – trail eroding. Reviewed at 10/23 field trip. Ed offered to meet with homeowner again on the final plan document which Stuart has the action to review and update. – Stuart
- 8) **Glen Eagles tennis/basketball courts** – erosion by the courts could be dangerous or impact the integrity of the courts. OSC voted to recommend to the BoT: a) Digging a new swale backed by a low wall above the north end of the basketball court to deflect water draining down the hillside around the court, and b) Building a new wall and contouring the ground between the top of the wall and the edge of the basketball ball court to allow water to flow off the court. The wall would be half the length of the court starting at the north end of the court. The BoT approved and asked that a fence also be included. Status of the contract? – Heather

9) **8308 Armetale Lane Turf Damage and Tree(s)** - 2 boulders would be \$1400, 2 trees- 15 gallon would be \$1390. Quote included fixing the area. OSC decided to go with 2 large boulders. Photos of \$1400 boulders and \$2400 boulders incl. on page ___ (emailed to committee earlier this month – no response); Additional drainage issues were deferred. Status? – Stuart/Heather - (page 7)

10) **T24 and T32 related issues** - There are several issues affecting these trails (see below) that the OSC would like to “bundle” under one contract.

- **Persistent muddy area on T24** - OSC cleared out the stream draining the stormwater pond next to T32 on May 8 in an attempt to correct a drainage issue which results in a large, muddy area on the trail after rainstorms. OSC has developed a plan for modifying T24 that will direct water around and off the trail if the stream cleaning does not fix the issue. OSC determined that we need to modify the slope of the trail. Status?
- **Redesigned T32 and T24 Intersection** – There is a steep slope on T32 before it intersects with T24. This incline is bare ground with tree roots and large rocks emerging from the trail surface that are potential hazards to hikers and bikers. OSC would like to modify the trail to reduce the slope. At the 7/23/21 field trip it was determined that we would pursue pricing for 2 options. Option 1 is to create a “C” curve angling across the face of the slope and merging onto T24. This new portion of the trail would be covered in stone. To prevent people from using the old portion of the trail, OSC proposes installing a short split-rail fence across the original trail. Option 2 is to lay down timbers across the trail to try to stop the erosion. - Stuart
- **T32 Stone Restoration** - The trail surface from the T32 trailhead at Oak Chase Circle to the stormwater pond dam needs restoration as trail is becoming muddy and overgrow. This portion of the trail appears to be an access road for maintaining the stormwater pond. CM contacted Fairfax County and request that the county replenish the stone on this section of trail. Status?
- **East Side of Lee Allen Drive and T24 Intersection** – This portion of trail is persistently wet and is a candidate for installing pipes under the trail to prevent erosion. However, given the contour of the trail at this point, it may be advisable to build a boardwalk over this area rather than digging trenches to lay pipe and digging swales at the side the trail to direct water into the pipes. OSC will ask contractors to price options.
- **T24 Drainage Pipe Restoration** – there are two areas where pipes have been installed under T24 and the trail has eroded around the pipes that need restoration.

11) **8932 Cross Chase Circle** – Identified concern about unsightly downed trees behind house. Reviewed that at our 3/19 field trip. BoT approved the idea to allow residents to pay to clear, with OSC approval. Ed wrote document. What is the status of the Bot’s approval of the final version? Heather

12) **T72 issues** – Debbie identified issue with homeowner building trail through woods. Review that at our 3/19 field trip. Stuart to write letter to homeowner asking that logs be removed. – Stuart

13) **Eagle Scout Projects for Connor Pastino and Stasi Van Meter** – Status? - Hayden

- 14) **8639 Cross Chase Ct** – homeowner has reported a lot of water standing on right side of house. Dying pine trees in open space have been removed. Reviewed at our 3/19 field trip. Stuart to tell homeowner we will put this on watch list. – Stuart
- 15) **8304 Knotty Pine Ln.** – Homeowner concerned about the drain at Crosslake Dr & Knotty Pine Ln. She says the drain clogs very often and floods the area. She has called the county to check the drain. She states that the OSC should look into the erosion of the swampy area that exists. Reviewed that at our 3/19 field trip. The County engineer, Cory Ramey, cleaned the drain so the area drains properly and committed to track the issue to ensure the drain remains clear after future rain events. CM notified homeowner of county engineer’s action - Heather
- 16) **T24 Bridge behind Oak Chase Pool** – There are several boards on the bridge that are rotting and need replacement. Heather asked to go back to contractor for details on railing repair. OSC reviewed revised bid from TYL and is awaiting bid from PSI. Status? – Heather - (page 10)
- 17) **T3 Trail** – Near the tot lot, the trail is getting washed-out and the tot lot affected. Reviewed at 03/19 OSC field trip. Need to clear out creek leading to tot lot. Ed will assess the swales and OSC will review at the next field trip. Dry creek clearing planned for cooler weather (perhaps in the fall). Status? Ed
- 18) **9603 Nuthatch Drive** – Received letter from homeowner concerned about water standing on property. Heather to contact Cory but we may need to go look at this. Previously determined that this was not on our property. Near Jim Kwiat’s house. What is the status of contacting Cory saying County will look at this. Status? - Heather
- 19) **8502 Oak Pointe Way** – Trees from common area blocking out yard. I told homeowner they could trim anything that hangs over their yard but we should look at this at our next field trip. Reviewed at our field trip on 7/23/21 and determined that there is no action needed to remove trees. Need to notify homeowner. – Did OSC speak with owner while on field trip? Heather/Stuart
- 20) **8438 Lake Mist Way** – Homeowner reported drainage issues. Looked at this at our field trip on 7/23/21. Told the homeowner they should contact the County Waste and Sewer Mgt dept. This is a tough one to fix because there’s nowhere for water to flow. Is there any other action for OSC??? – Owner would have to install drains to move water to street - Stuart
- 21) **Proposed Change to Trail Numbering System** – Greg will work on this some more. Do we break into segments? Greg will pass by OSC again, then bring to the BOT. Status? - Greg
- 22) **Trees on Trail T24 near the Intersection with T71 and along T71** - Young teens wielding a machete were seen chopping these trees down (Near 8910 Cross Chase Circle) - Stuart met with Heather who will file a police report. Police report filed - Case #2021-2280122 - Police noted that if anyone sees this again, please call police to try and catch vandals in action so the police can speak to their parents - Heather
- 23) **8406 Crosslake Drive** – Gravel trail added by homeowner connecting to T24. Look during field trip. Reviewed at our 7/23/21 field trip and determined that homeowner needs to be notified to remove trail and restore common area. – Heather

- 24) **Armetale Ct to T1 Downed trees** – This is the trail by Keith’s house. Status? – Heather
- 25) **Meet the Committees Event** – Greg volunteered for this on 8/28. Thanks Greg.- Greg
- 26) **Hooes Rd Open space** – Someone is mowing a trail. We’ll look at this at our next field trip. – Greg/Stuart
- 27) **8307 Peach Tree Ct** – Report from a neighbor that this house is dumping yard debris. Looked at this at our 7/23/21 field trip and determined that letters should go to 8307 and 8305 to clean up debris (grass piles, brush piles, wood piles, mail box behind their houses. – Stuart
- 28) **8304 Holly Haven Ln** – Neighbor installed wood timbers along trail. Looked at this at our 7/23/21 field trip and determined that homeowner needs to be notified to remove timbers and restore any area on open space to its natural condition. - Heather
- 29) **Open Space Committee Guidelines Review** – OSC to review guidelines for any needed changes and submit to the Board for approval. Status? – Stuart - (page 27)
- 30) **8410 Wood Pointe Ct** – There are weeds growing in the steps adjacent to this lot and the asphalt layer that was added to the path is breaking up creating a possible tripping hazard. What do we need to do? - ??????
- 31) **8410 and 8412 Hooes Rd** – The non-Crosspointe owner received permission from the BoT to install a sewer line across open space. A resident reported that the contractor changed the grade in the area by adding dirt around trees that will kill the trees, etc. Heather to contact Stuart when she has the plat so that they can inspect the area and determine the property boundaries – Heather
- 32) **8396 Crosslake Drive** – At our 7/23/21 field trip we observed dirt piles from home construction in common area. Need to write a letter to homeowner to remove. – Heather.

NEW BUSINESS –

- 1) **Tot Lot near Oak Chase Pool** – Resident (8536 Oak Chase Circle) contacted me about the possibility of installing a tot lot near Oak Chase Pool. I told her that I would put it on the agenda for our next OSC meeting. – Stuart
- 2) **8629 Meadow Edge Terrace** – Resident emailed noting many trees dying & poison ivy hanging from trees behind fence in o.s. - poses danger to her family & yard – CM had arborist out to look at trees – reported none of the trees are dead – limbs reported are in cedar trees behind fence, not over fence & are small ones. Owner was insistent that arborist or CM take down all dead trees or branches behind fence. Suggest we add this to next field trip - Stuart (page 13-20)
- 3) **8150 Old Barrington Road** – Owner had CM out to look over SWM drain behind entrance sign – stream leading to drain is covered with weeds, very narrow, fills immediately w/heavy rains & backs up in side yard inside fence. Stream/swale takes sharp turn towards

drain & is very narrow – told owner may call Cory Ramsey at County to check stream – suggest we add area to next field trip – Stuart - **(page 21)**

- 4) **Ellen Petersen, Master Gardener** and author of the gardening articles in the Crosspointe Chronicle, sent a request asking about bringing the County in to provide Crosspointe with a plant clinic and turf clinic one Saturday this fall. They would set up a tent in the parking lot and provide homeowners with gardening tips, test different items for them, answer any gardening questions, etc. See attachment from Ellen. Thought the OSC would be a good committee to recommend the event to the Board **(page 22)**

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