

Meeting Notes

Date: 1/12/2022

Committee: Parks Commission

5:30pm-6:15pm

Attendees (members)

David Wrocklage (DW)

Gail Turner (GT)

Tara Price (TP) via Zoom

Denise Payne (DP)

Robert McDonough (RM)

Attendees (Associates)

Sarah Phillips (SP)

December 15th Invasives Meeting Recap

Robert + Denise updated the rest of the PC on a special invasives meeting held in December.

Takeaways from that meeting included needing a new approach to herbicide (basal bark treatment) and the need for replantings that were not included in the original plan.

We can and need to revise the plan now that we know what works/doesn't with the original plan (can't rely on volunteers).

Potential areas of focus next are phragmites, swallow wart, and garlic mustard.

There should be a spring walk-through of the park (separate from the PC's normal spring walk-through) with Mike Morrissey and the PC.

Fort Foster Parking

Gate attendants/town proposed adding more official parking spots to the park.

PC feels the current overflow process of letting cars park on the ball field has been sufficient for busy days.

DP noted that the ball field is never completely full, even on busiest days.

We don't need to waste time or money on added parking spots that could be better used elsewhere.

DW noted the PC needs to have an official, written statement of our position to review/vote on at next meeting.

TASK: RM will write up the statement for next meeting.

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