



**Woods Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 6, 2021 - 7:30 PM**  
**ZOOM Meeting**  
**Approved: August 2, 2021**

**Attendance:** Pat Klein, Joan Mahaffey, Dave Cosson, Larry French, Deb Mehlferber, Meghan O'Connell, and Krista Zanetti.

The July 2021 Woods Committee meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:** The June WC Agenda was unanimously approved (Joan 1<sup>st</sup>/Deb 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**Approval of Minutes:** The June 7, 2021, WC Minutes were unanimously approved (Larry 1<sup>st</sup>/Meghan 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**Public Appearances:** There were no public appearances.

### **Update on Spring IPC Treatments in East and West Woods**

IPC treated wisteria and mile-a-minute in the East Woods and cleared a section of green briar to prepare a re-routed section of the Challstrom trail for a new 'Bradfield Crossing' over a stream in the Northeast corner of the East Woods. In the West Woods, IPC treated wisteria and wavy leaf basket grass. It was pointed out that there is a patch of wisteria near the Cherry Avenue Trail to the left as you enter the East Woods. There is also a large patch of mile-a-minute along the Challstrom trail to the right as you pass the Silver Dollar Trail entering from the McCauley side.

### **East Woods Trail Maintenance Priority Projects Updates**

#### ***Trail Signage***

A spreadsheet and map depicting the location of and individual sign markers for planned entrance and interior trail signs were reviewed by the Committee. Four by four-inch plaques with Trail names at the top of the posts will also have directional arrows. These documents will be field checked once more to finalize prior to ordering sign markers and signposts to be assembled by town volunteers and installed by town maintenance. The Woods Committee will

investigate kiosk options for the entrances to the East Woods. The kiosks could display the oak leaf Town icon and Town Name as well as rules such as “Dogs on leash”, “No bikes”, and “Stay on trails”. Kiosks may be installed at Ridge, Maple, and McCauley.

The WC discussed extending the timber turnpike the full length of the Maple Avenue trail to the McCauley trail to address the persistent wet areas. Fresh natural tree limbs should be used for the side borders and will be replaced as they decompose. More dirt than used previously should be used to raise the turnpikes before wood chips are installed.

### ***Re-routing Bradfield Crossing Trail***

Bradfield Crossing along the Challstrom Trail has become treacherous and poses public safety concerns. The WC has begun to replace the old crossing with a safer crossing approximately 30 feet to the East of the old crossing. A pipe culvert has been installed. In the Fall, dirt will be brought in to cover the new pipe culvert and the original portion of the trail will be blocked off. The WC will consult with Steve about whether the pipe needs to be anchored and about delivering dirt closer to the site so that the pipe can be safely covered. There, also, may be possibilities of using dirt which is already near the site.

### ***West Woods Stormwater Management***

The WC plans to contact MC stormwater managers to discuss options to respond to the ongoing stormwater erosion problems. Improvement to drainage from the Towne Crest parking lots was made when Ann Briggs was mayor. Since then, there has been significant erosion to the supporting posts of the improvements and to the surrounding forest area. The WC plans to contact MC Watershed Management to discuss options to respond to the ongoing stormwater erosion problems near Town Crest and between Washington Grove Lane and Maple Lake. The availability of American Rescue Plan funding needs to be explored to cover costs for any professional assessments.

### **Final Updates, Announcement, Comments, and Action Items**

Plans were discussed for the 2021-22 Deer Management Program. WC Chairs will contact the [Bow Hunting Fire Fighters of Maryland \(BHFFMD\)](#) about the 2021-2022 deer hunt season. A plan will be presented to the Town Council for approval at the August TC meeting. The WC is recommending the Town Council consider expanding the deer hunt to include the Conservation Meadow which will require agreement with MC Parks.

### **Action Items**

- Krista will talk to the sign maker about exterior signage in the East Woods
- Krista will also investigate kiosk options.
- Alert Kayla of IPC about wisteria and mile-a-minute in the East Woods.
- Talk to Steve about anchoring pipes and delivering dirt to the Bradfield Crossing site.

- Discuss 2021/22 Deer Management with BHFFMD.
- Investigate expanding Deer Management into the WG Conservation Meadow.
- Investigate consulting with MC Watershed Management about West Woods drainage issues.
- Investigate availability of American Rescue Plan funds for stormwater management.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM (Meghan 1<sup>st</sup>/Krista 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Next meeting will be Monday, August 2, at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Pat Klein and Joan Mahaffey, Co-chairs