

CAMP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT August 2021- May 2022

The Camp Property Management Committee (CPMC) maintains structures at three residential camps, a fleet of camp vehicles, as well as maintaining and conserving 800 acres. Additionally, the committee maintains institutional information documents, including maps and site plans for the properties and an annual calendar. CPMC Committee met six times in the ten months from August 2021 until July 2022, all via Zoom. Additionally, we joined the Camping Program Committee on Zoom in February to participate in developing a strategic plan for the camps. That Meeting was on Zoom.

MEMBERSHIP

The clerking duties of the committee are currently shared between two co-clerks, as decided again in September 2021; Gary Gillespie and Chris DeWilde are the co-clerks of the Committee. Committee meetings begin and end with Worship. We also begin with the reading of the BYM queries on becoming an anti-racist organization at the beginning of the meeting. It is very much a hands on working community that is always in need of new members.

THE COMMITTEE'S WORK DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR

OVERSIGHT OF THE CAMP PROPERTIES BUDGET

Every year, David Hunter presents the Property Management Committee with draft Operating and Capital budgets. In February, David Hunter presented drafts of both budgets. After review and discussion, the Committee approved passing the operating budget on to the BYM Stewardship and Finance Committee. We also discussed the proposed capital budget; we noted that it is important to keep a wish list for future years to be prepared in case a donor wants to fund exciting projects. We also approved passing the capital budget to Stewardship and Finance Committee.

CAMP WORKDAYS

With David Hunter, members of the Committee organized and worked in April (Catoctin), May (Shiloh) and, in June (Catoctin) The workdays included preparation for HIP Camp (cabin rentals) at Catoctin which included cleaning and setting up cabins as camp sites.

CAMP RENTALS

JOINT MEETING WITH THE CAMPING PROGRAM COMMITTEE

In February, the Camping Property Committee met with the Camping Program Committee to develop a strategic plan for the camps.

ASSESSMENT OF THE THREE CAMPS

In November, the Committee members began to visit all three residential camps to assess their capital needs.

BEGINNING CONVERSATION ON REPARATIONS

David encouraged the Committee to begin a discussion on reparations. In May, we invited Marcie Seitel to speaking with us about reparations. David has been having preliminary conversations with the Piscataway tribe.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE

Fuel Efficient Vehicles: David and the Committee reviewed a proposal to fundraise for new, fuel-efficient vehicles (hybrid now and/or electric vehicles) to replace some of our current vehicles. A hybrid pickup truck was purchased for David's use.

Fundraising for Conservation Projects: David presented to the committee two new conservation projects: the Chestnut Restoration at Catoctin and the Catoctin Pond Bank Restoration. Funding has been received for both projects

ROLLING RIDGE

The Committee has had extensive discuss about the ideas surrounding moving Opequon to Rolling Ridge near the Niles Cabin site. There was a brief discussion at our joint meeting with the Camp Program Committee in February and a site visit in November.

In closing, the Committee again thanks David Hunter for his dedication, visionary thinking and very hard work. David's work with the committee is a real joy. We also would like thank our volunteers for being part of our community and their ongoing commitment to our camps.

This is a great working committee that supports our camps in tangible ways. New members are needed to continue to invigorate this work. Please join us!!