

1. Introductions (Kevin, Ben, Joan, Catherine, Melanie, Phil, Jay Katie, Anna)
2. City Parks Update
 - a. Joan Wilson, EA from Councillor Cressy's office is in attendance
 - b. Need a new construction sign to alert residents that construction at Circle will not begin until Spring 2019
 - c. As well, there could be improved signage in the park in general. For example, at Withrow Park, there are signs to encourage cyclists to slow down. Points of interest etc.
 - d. Typically washrooms are open May-October. That is the plan this spring.
 - e. What about adult playground equipment for Trinity Bellwoods? Workout equipment etc.?
 - f. Councillor Cressy is working on a "Destination Parks" initiative. The idea is that parks that receive very high traffic from around the GTA receive a bigger budget than a neighbourhood park. Trinity Bellwoods is a great example of a park that needs more funding for maintenance and capital improvements. The Councillor's office is aware of the need for path repair. As well, the Councillor is aware of need for staff to pick up litter, especially in summer.
3. 2018 Spring Park Clean Up – 4 hours of volunteer time to coordinate & 8 participants
 - Park clean up coincided with the start of the contract staff in the park and we had to send participants far afield to find trash
 - Partnership with WQW provided volunteers with \$10 e coupon to spend at any QW store, as well as 15% off at a local environmentally friendly store
4. Cherry Blossoms were highly popular again in 2018.
5. 2018 Films in the park– had AAT volunteers on site to help market the program. Got 6 individuals who claimed they were interested but never responded to our emails inviting them to training/adoption date
 - In 2018, 1,500-2,000 people attended the movie night series. It was super popular. The bike parking was a big hit.
 - LEAF volunteers put signs on the trees to try to stop people from locking bikes to them
 - Draw for prizes happened based on donations from TBells BIA members
 - Cycle valet was onsite for second film, but showed up late and most young trees had bikes locked to them by the time they got there
6. 2019 Films — Goal is to run the film series again in 2019 and incorporate learnings from 2018.
7. AAT 2018 – LEAF dedicated 5 youth volunteers to mapping the park, and led a tree tour in the park
 - Mulching was highly attended and @ 30 indivs helped in the north quadrant of the park
 - @ 12 new individs were added to the list of adoptors
 - @ 8 training sessions were held

- Celebratory thank you pizza night was held which was attended by @10 people
8. AAT 2019
- Starting the list from scratch as low engagement from existing “parents”
 - Final Mapping of adoptable trees is being done this winter/spring
 - Flyer campaign in planning for Gore Vale and Crawford residents to advertise the program (LEAF will provide volunteers if needed)
 - Possibly start the season with a tree tour of the park to engage new volunteers (?)
9. 2018 Fall Clean Up
- Registered this with Shoreline Clean Up which gave us additional profile with prospective volunteers
 - Registered the refuse data and added it to a national database of clean ups
 - Partnered with Bellwoods Brewery who were enormous supporters and provided paid staff members for the duration
 - Pizza lunch post clean-up was highly attended
10. 2018 Pumpkin Parade
- Deluge. And then another deluge. High social media numbers, and registered @400 visitors
 - Less than 100 pumpkins
 - Youth volunteers basically made the event successful from their vigour re-lighting mushy pumpkins in the deluge
 - Volunteers door knocked on Crawford to see if we could add more pumpkins
 - Universal Pictures donated a free movie ticket, and provided the youth volunteers with free tickets to the new Harry Potter wizarding film
11. 2019 Pumpkin Parade
- Again solicit youth volunteers
 - Possibly pre-arrange with local residents to give permission to take their pumpkins to the parade on their behalf to ensure more pumpkins
 - Partnership with Shadowland Theatre a possibility for onsite mummies, stiltwalkers, or ??
 - Toss activities always need volunteers (do more social media push on this one)
12. Greenhouse
- Only used for 2-3 months per year. Too dark in winter and too hot in summer. We can grow a few things over a longer season like ginger and turmeric.
 - There is now a keybox to access the greenhouse. Zack can provide more information zacklathrop@gmail.com.
13. Master Plan for Park – We need a longer term vision for the park. People need to understand that the dog bowl is a remnant of a larger ravine system. This type of “big thinking” could be part of a design and maintenance budget for “Destination Parks.” Community Consultation will be very important. Ben, a Landscape Architect, is interested in following up on this point.

14. 2019 Park Day / Clean Up Day

- Consider doing it in conjunction with other local parks to spread out volunteers and engage more participants
- Would suggest registering it with Shoreline Clean Up again
- Bellwoods Brewery has already provided a commitment to help with spring clean up (and hopefully marketing activities as well)
- Kevin is willing to organize it but needs support. He can work with Zack to clean up green house. Patricia Cavanagh can support. Anna can support.
- Need to connect with Park Supervisor or Councillor's office to get supplies for Clean Up Day and tools and plants for Park Clean Up.
- Very important that all plants that are planted in the park must be grown in City green houses. This is to avoid spread of disease among plants. Connect with Park Supervisor re; date and activities.
- Councillor's Office can help spread the word to get volunteers to come out for both events.
- 2019 Park Day involved a partnership with West Queen West BIA. This could be pursued again this year.

15. Dog Poison Alert

- a. This occurred at Osler Park. Did not affect dogs in Trinity Bellwoods
- b. Police were called. Situation was resolved

White Squirrel

- c. There was a white squirrel death
- d. In order to protect remaining white squirrels, Friends of Trinity Bellwoods would like to install a squirrel house.
- e. Further discussion ensued.
- f. How about signage in the park to protect the white squirrel? Off leash dogs in the south end of the park are a particular hazard for the white squirrels that live just south of the Rec Center.
- g. Need more enforcement in the park to minimize dogs off leash in this area.

16. North End of Park

- a. Toronto passed a new Laneway Building Act so there may be new residential construction at the northeast end of the park.
- b. Also, it seems that the abandoned storefronts on Dundas at the park's north end are owned by weed companies with a hold on the properties.