

**Lone Tree Hill Management Committee**

**Draft – For Review**

**Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2026**

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DATE: March 5, 2026  
TIME: 9:28 AM

**Meeting called to order at 7:05.**

**Members Present:** Radha Iyengar, Adriana Bobinchock, Mark P. Smith, Jessica Tsymbal, Carl Solander, Steve Kidder

**Members Not Present:** Ellen O'Brien Cushman

**Members of the Public Present:** Joseph Hibbard, Leonard Katz

**December 10th Meeting Minutes:** Vote to approve meeting minutes: Mark, Radha, Adriana, Jessica voted yes, Carl and Steve abstain as they were not present at the meeting.

**Invoice approval:** No invoices to approve.

**Parterre proposal for 2026 work:**

- Joe Hibbard presented the proposals and presented images of the areas to be worked on.
- Black Swallow Wort control in June: heart shaped meadow, Great Meadow, area of A1 for \$4868.06
- Control of woody invasive species- management timed for July in multiple A zones and a portion of B5 for \$5,054.02
- Judy Record Fund has offered to pay half of the total cost.
- This proposal is for a repeat treatment and may not be necessary in 2027 since prior treatments have been very successful at removing invasives.
- Mark commented that long term management goals should be made clear and recorded so that future managers can understand the goals of the current work.
- Leonard asked why porcelain berry is not included in the plan for invasives management.
- Joe stated that this is a high priority for future projects and pointed out one area in A1 where porcelain berry plants may be removed and pine trees planted in a future project.
- Mark made a motion to approve, seconded by Steve. The motion passed unanimously.

**Judy's Bench Update:** Joe presented images of the completed work that added pavers and regraded areas around the bench.

**Invasive Working Group Update:** Leonard asked for permission to post a sign on the kiosk near Pleasant St indicating that Belmont Conservation Volunteers will be working on particular dates at Lone Tree Hill.

- Mark made a motion to approve, seconded by Steve. The motion passed unanimously.

**McLean Barn Storage / Waypoint Adventures:** Radha has contacted DPW regarding access to the barn and disabling the alarm system so that Waypoint Adventures can store their equipment over the winter.

**Dog Waste Signage:** Radha presented a sign graphic. She will confirm the referenced bylaw with Ellen before finalizing the sign.

- Mark asked whether there is a fine for leaving dog waste on the property and suggested that the fine should be noted on the sign.
- Joe agreed that this would be a good idea. He noted that many users of the property had their dogs off leash.
- Discussion about changing signage to be closer to the Rock Meadow language for consistency, including the fine amount.
- Jessica suggested that an icon could be useful.

**Pine Allee Down Tree:** Radha noticed a large fallen tree and reached out to Adam and Tom, who removed the tree.

**Signage for Bike Use:** Radha shared an email from a resident commenting that some trails where bikes are not allowed do not have signage, and users have been riding bikes on these trails.

**Change to Bylaw:** the current bylaw does not explicitly indicate that postings are prohibited, and the LMC is not specifically authorized to remove such items. For example recently someone installed Tibetan prayer flags on the property without permission.

**Zone 4 Development:** Leonard walked the boundary of the construction site recently and reported on the conditions. Fencing and hay bales have been installed on the property line.

**Future meetings:** March 4 conflicts with the special town meeting. Radha suggested changing the date to March 11. All members present agreed that would be ok.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54.