

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 20, 2025 – at GSP Shelter

Call to order: 7:51 pm

Committee Members

Debi Pavey Chair GCG Rep	Werner Jud Treasurer GCG Rep	Neena Jud Secretary GCG Rep	Jerry Brandenburg (occupied elsewhere) GCG Rep
Fred Ball DUG Rep	Kevin Lorms COG Rep	Mark Swelstad COG Rep	"Hippie" Mike Thornton BGG Rep

Sub-Committee Members

Kristen Harper Caretaker (not in attendance)	Scott Pavey Equipment Technician	Meg Gaskin Social Events Coordinator	Darryl Marsh Scouts Coordinator (not in attendance)
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Additional Attendees

Pete Stow	Pat Hutson		
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Announcements

The Committee welcomes Hippie Mike as the BGG representative.

Secretary's Report

Fred Ball made a motion to accept the July meeting minutes. Mark Swelstad 2nd. No opposition.

Treasurer's Report

No report was provided due to the abbreviated nature and timing of the meeting. Full report available upon request, otherwise tune in next month for a report covering both months.

Caretaker's Report

No specific report was provided.

Status Reports

Action items

- Signs (Neena Jud) – Neena received two proposals for a batch of twenty branded boundary signs. The first one was from Adams Signs & Graphics in Massillon, Ohio. The second was from ProSigns in Richmond, Kentucky. This version incorporates the words "No Trespassing" as was discussed last month. The Treasurer stated the ProSign cost was affordable and there were no objections to proceeding.
- Flags – Kevin commented that the only pricing Gary could get from "The Flag Lady" was for printed nylon signs. It was reported that Megan was able to find an online source who gave a proposal for appliqued (sewn not printed) flags - GSP, Kentucky and a US flag. That cost approached \$2,000 for all three. Not affordable. Since the Kentucky flag is so intricate, it is the most expensive. A single US flag with sewn stripes and embroidered stars is \$36.10 (they mass produce them). We could possibly get one of these if needed. The decision was made to table ordering any flags until January so that we are ready for Open House.
- Outside shower walls – The old pine tree was removed, leaving approximately 7' standing on Friday.

- Installation of rain barrels for the Green Latrine – Platform is constructed. One barrel is in place.
- Showerhouse roof – while working on cleanup after cutting down the pine tree, Scott was on the roof and noticed there is no ridge cap. Fred will talk with James Clements about this, with input from Werner.
- Submeter for waterline to CR – The waterline valve & meter is still awaiting installation. Rodney stopped by Friday – without the assembly. But he and Werner discussed the need to increase the dimensions of the pit. The digging was completed Saturday morning by Werner, Nick Addington & Matt Sumner. Rodney is expected on Friday, October 3, 2025, with the assembly.
- Green Latrine maintenance – Werner emptied the compost without the requested help.
- Crooked Creek – 19 tires and other trash & debris were removed from Crooked Creek by Scott, Hippie Mike and others.
- Maintenance Training – scheduled for Sunday morning.

Sub-committee Reports

Halloween Fundraiser – Debi Pavey & Megan Gaskin

- This is the next event. Advertisements will go out to all grottos next week.

Sub-committee Reports

OPEN HOUSE – Kevin Lorms & Kelly McNamara

- Will return in January.

KOR – Matt Sumner with Meg Gaskin

- Will return to GCG with management strategy. Then dates can be set for 2026.

Caver Appreciation Weekend – Debi Pavey & Megan Gaskin

- Caver of the Year – awarded to Kelly McNamara.

Miscellaneous Projects

- Committee Member position descriptions – (Debi Pavey)
 - The position description for Educational Coordinator for the School Field Trips has been sent to Debi along with a corresponding Presenter position. Mark Swelstad is willing to fill the Coordinator position. Both position descriptions are attached to these minutes.
 - Werner was requested to comment on the “Treasurer Position” description Debi sent to him, so recruitment efforts can begin.
 - Debi also has a Committee Member Position description and a Secretary description.
- Management Plan – still in need of editing. Werner will take care of this this week.
- GSP Store on the Website – the Zeffy “store” went live on Thursday evening.

New Business

- Parking along the eroding bank – Mary Gratch has been setting white posts to keep cars away from the edge, but they keep getting removed. This is likely due to mowing. No mowing has occurred within a couple of feet of the bank, yet the barriers keep getting removed. It was agreed that there should be an obvious barrier, but maybe more in keeping with the look of the Preserve. We agreed to get one or more old logs and place them maybe five feet from the edge with no mowing beyond.

Additional Action items for tracking

- Cameras & Wi-Fi– Patrick Gibson to prepare a system diagram with equipment listing of the security system remains on the list.
- Bridge to the Point – Bruce Isaacs, Pat Hutson and Scott Pavey continue to look for a solution. RKC Grant Committee continues to look for funding.
- Septic tank for the CR – Scott believes he located it, but it needs confirmation. Werner to get it inspected.
- Long-term garbage collection – no update.
- Replacement wheelbarrow – no update.

Miscellaneous Property Maintenance for tracking

- Sauna Construction – no update.
- Debris clean-up on Point – no update.
- Shelter Kitchen cleanliness/usage and ice sales – no discussion.

Additional Miscellaneous Projects for tracking

- MOU – no update.
- NSS Convention in Indiana – July 6-10, 2026 - no update

Project List – listed here to track.

Task	Priority	Budget	Assigned To	Comments
Culvert pipe at Tractor Barn road	high		Werner Jud	Need proposal for 30' min. of 15"-16" culvert
Quickbooks software upgrade	low		Werner Jud	After RKC's tax filing
Bridge (or Modify Spillway Access) to the Point	high		Scott Pavey Pat Hutson	They will come back when more information
Shower house roof vents install	low		James Clements	He is looking for time to do this
Leopold bench by Ellie's Plaque	low		Werner Jud	On hold (scout project?)
Entry drive repair			Neena Jud	Grant not awarded
Ticket house walls	next		Jerry B. & Scott Pavey	Replacement wall material selection needed & budgeted.
Ticket house memorial plaques	low		Neena Jud	
Water line upgrade – Submeter & shut-off for CR		No cost	Werner Jud	Waiting on Rodney
CR Septic Tank inspection			Werner Jud	
Website redesign	Winter		Jared Embree	
Showerhouse exterior wood fence			Scott & Jared	Painting next year
Atlas Pillar Electric panel replacement	lower		Werner Jud	All these items require a deep dive to attack; it will be intensive work
Kitchen electrical panel replacement	lower			
Kitchen exterior conduit repair	lower			
Repair and seal walls against rodents	lower			
Waterproofing kitchen walls	lower			

Preserve Calendar

Field Trips – Neena Jud

- Friday, October 4, 2025
- Wednesday, Thursday, Friday October 15-17, 2025.

Scouts and Outreach – Darryl Marsh (not in attendance)

- Darryl keeps the Scout trips listed on the Calendar.

Other Calendar items

- KSS annual meeting will be September 27-28, 2025
- Terri Wolf & Hippy Mike Thornton will be married on October 4, 2025
- The CD Ward Masons will be in the Cave on October 11, 2025
- Halloween Weekend – October 31 – November 2, 2025

Please check the Events Calendar. pw is niter1798

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Thursday, October 9, 2025.

Motion to adjourn: WJ, 2nd KL. Meeting Adjourned: 8:22 pm

Sunday morning Infrastructure walk-about recap

Folks met at the Shelter on Sunday morning to learn about the utilities that keep the Preserve enjoyable. The primary focus was on the water supply and the shut-offs. Electric was addressed as it related to the water lines. Werner began the walk-about at 9:43 am and covered the following items:

- Discussion of the waste-water from the Kitchen and the grease trap.
- Walking the line from the back of the Kitchen to the Tractor Barn.
- A detour up to the Green Latrine and Electric Service above the Cave Entrance.
- Water supply to the Showerhouse and related distribution.
- He talked about where the water meter is on 1004 across from Richard Mullins' old house, how the line comes down the hill to the Sara Corey Trail and follows it downhill to below the green gate with two pressure reducing valves in that stretch.
- Location of Pressure Reducing Valve No. 3 and the Main Shut-off.
- Branch running along the bench which serves both the Caretaker's residence and the line across the field to the shut-off (located near the transformer inside the tree line) which serves the spigot for Scouts.

We disbanded approximately 11:30 am.

Attendees that completed the walk-about included Mark Swelstad, Kevin Lorms, Fred Ball, Anna Tomboly (and Agnes), Andy Schofield, Ana Scherschel, Mike Wuerth & Dan Forcum.