

## Burnamwood Commission Minutes

- The meeting was opened with prayer by Matt Falco at 6:00.
- New Business:
  1. Working Woodlands Presentation
    - Hank Graddy
    - Will Bowling
- Hank and Will made a thorough presentation and answered questions until about 6:50. After they left, the committee discussed what it had learned and decided not to make any motion related to the Working Woodlands program. The Commission thanks Hank and Will for their time and for approaching the presbytery with this opportunity, but does not recommend the Working Woodlands program.

### Program Review

- Robby reviewed the following areas of the Burnamwood program: In keeping with the trends we've seen so far in 2019, the camp saw a decrease in participation this summer. Robby expressed his appreciation for the very talented and thoughtful staff he has this summer. The initiative to get East 7th Street, an urban outreach program of Maxwell Street Presbyterian, was a success. The number of students participating increased every day, and the last day we couldn't transport all the kids who wanted to go. With a couple weeks to go in the camping season, he is looking forward to having a large group for BAM in a couple weeks.

### Site Subcommittee:

- The Commission is grateful for all the volunteer hours that have been dedicated to the camp this summer.
- Related to the sewer system, the camp continues to exceed its effluent amount set by Kentucky. The camp has employed a local contractor to address this situation and it is being worked on, but it is unlikely that the effluent quality can be improved enough to meet water quality standards of the state without a significant investment in the system.

### New Business:

- Virginia Solar - Matt informed the Commission that we had been contacted by *Virginia Solar* inquiring as to whether we would be interested in investigating a solar project on the Burnamwood property. The letter seems to indicate that our property wouldn't qualify (too small), but the Commission requested that Matt contact Farmers Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation who has partnered with other Kentucky Touchstone Energy Cooperatives to develop a not-for-profit 60-acre solar farm in Winchester, Ky, to see if there might be more local interest in developing a solar project at Burnamwood.

**Old Business:**

- **Review Property Proposals** - Matt asked the Commission if, given what we learned about the Working Woodlands Program, the Commission would be willing to make a motion recommending a course of action for the presbytery to take related to procuring capital funding for the camp. Matt reviewed several options that are possibilities including logging, working with Kentucky Nature Preserves, and the Working Woodlands Program.

- A motion was made to recommend that the Presbytery work with Kentucky Nature Preserves (KNP) to sell 200 acres of the property to KNP to create a Nature Preserve that would allow for access for typical nature preserve activities for perpetuity. Additionally, areas that could potentially create additional recreational space are to be selectively logged for the purpose of sale or use as construction materials on the property.

This motion was tabled for further discussion at our next meeting. Matt to research the legal part of the mineral rights and long term obligations of the presbytery to the Burnams... i.e. does selling the property for a Nature Preserve fit within the intent of the gift of the property to the presbytery.

- **Review Philip's Proposal** - The Commission reviewed Philip Lotspeich's recommendation for the future of the Burnamwood Commission (BC) and Camp. The Commission made recommendations to Philip based on our review.

- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05. The next meeting is scheduled for 8/15/19 at 6:00pm at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church.