

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES March 3, 2014

In attendance: Karen Durlach, Mike Lajeunesse, Al Landry, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski; guest Paul Baer

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Mike volunteered to act as moderator. Charlie made a motion, seconded by Karen, to accept the minutes of December 2; motion carried. Al abstained.

Correspondence

- Karen received notices from CT Forest & Parks Association and offered to forward to whoever is interested.
- Jan.13 email from Town Planner about possibility of National Guard constructing Blain Bridge replacement.

Finances: Report received shows \$7,668.13 available in 2014 but there are some questions about whether this reflects final 2013 Turkey Trot profits/expenses and how they are recorded. Charlie will sort this out.

Events

- Charlie is coordinating a presentation on eagles, to be held at the Library when children can attend. Date to be arranged. **Mike made a motion, seconded by Al, to spend up to \$100 as needed for publicity and refreshments; motion carried.**
- Mike has submitted the details for publication in the regional booklet for the June 7 2014 CT Trails Day hike he is leading to the Tri-state Marker.
- The 2014 Turkey Trot is scheduled for November 9. Citizens National Bank will again be lead sponsor.

Trail Updates:

- Ken Butkiewicz told David the French River trestle bridge in Dudley is available for taking. Karen will check who knows more and tell MaryAnn Chianatti about it.
- Blain Bridge: MaryAnn is still pursuing engineering options for design. Ed Greenough, USACE, discussed possibilities with her of construction by National Guard. Suggestion to recruit help from Courtney. Suggestion to get engineering quote from CME.
- French River Trail, north of the Knights of Columbus: needs a name. "Thompson French River Trail" suggested; needs further discussion. The Rec. Dpt. has been talking to a boy scout looking for a project and he may be interested in furthering our development of this trail. If not, Trails Committee has scheduled a work party for Friday, April 11 to paint the blazes on the trail we flagged in December. **Mike made an updated motion, seconded by Al, to spend up to \$100 as needed for paint for trail blazing and brushes; motion carried.** Charlie & Al will get paint.
- French River Wilsonville Rd. boat access: Karen brought maps from Marla Butts and met Mr. Rudzinski, who authorized us to procure a copy of his survey of the property conveyed to the town abutting the P&W rail line. **Mike made a motion, seconded by Charlie, to reimburse Karen \$15 for the survey being sent by Messiers & Associates surveyors; motion carried.** After discussion, there were new questions on whether we even need a boat launch there. Bob Messier said the RR right of way is 30' from the center of the tracks.
- Spring maintenance will be scheduled as needed at the April meeting. Al and Lynn Landry will be stewarding LeClair and Tamler trails.
- Airline Trail: Karen will contact Lori Lindquist about getting a kiosk at New Rd.

Mapping: Al asked that LeClair be added to our trails maps. David needs to get his GPS data to Carolyn Werge. Paul Baer was able to show the trail maps we already have up on the website.

Other Business

- Al made a motion, seconded by Mike to add “Citizen’s Comments” as an agenda item tonight and on future agendas, scheduled after “Other Business;” motion carried.
- Invite Paul Lenky to our meetings
- Recreation Department: Mike will go to the next Recreation Commission meeting and update them on our plans and activities, including the expanded trail north of the K of C and the new LeClair area.

Citizens’ Comments: Paul Baer reminded us that our programs can be listed in the Events section of the Thompson website.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING:

Monday, April 7, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Al made a motion, seconded by Mike, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.