

Wilmington Trails Committee Meeting
April 14, 2022 6pm

Members Present:, Bob Fischer, Julie Koehler, Jeff Menges
Alternates present: Joanne Yankura, Alan Baker, Matt Danzico (remote until 7:25)

Doug Gerber (Weson and Sampson) attended (remote) 6:25 - 7:25 for HTW updates

Meeting called to order at 6:25 by Bob

Agenda order changed to #4

4. Discuss the HT&W update:

HTW trail was walked with TC members, W&S representative Doug Gerber, and GRH representative. Bridge to Fairview picnic area was walked while notes and discussion occurred. W&S used GPS to record existing features, reference points, and erosion/drainage concerns. Start and end points of different trail sections (good condition, roots, wet, uneven, ect) were marked using GPS. Digital map that shows all data gathered was created and shared with TC. Points of heavy root presence, stormwater washout, acceptable conditions, property lines, flood areas, etc were shared.

Jeff discussed level/severity of washout sections, and Doug suggested that identifying priority based on cost, phase/timeline, approach in (work starting point) would be beneficial.

Alan brought up concerns about bringing equipment in on narrow sections of trail, and how that might be handled. Doug included rough data on width of trail (+/- 6 feet), and agreed that there are some concerns with narrow sections and equipment. Specifically the middle of the project area will need special attention as it is in poor condition and also narrow.

Doug discussed the trail spur that splits from the old train bed, and it's impact on cost and maintenance. Options of rehabilitating the former train bed to a new trail spur versus improving the existing trail will be weighed using cost and sustainability factors.

We also discussed the need to make a decision about the trail section just past the paved Moover section and rerouting a small portion to create accessibility on a steep section.

Next step would be to project costs for individual areas or sections, and the trail as a whole, and plan for possible phases and funding. TC can handle prep work on widening, removing existing debris, or other minor repairs.

TC will review W&S gps features map by walking the trail together.

>>Action Item: Alan and Bob will send Doug a link to a google folder where photos, gps data, and reports for the project can be uploaded

>>TC will plan to meet for a HTW work bee on May 26th at 5:00pm at Wastewater treatment plan

1. Approve Minutes: Jo makes a motion to approve April minutes, Alan seconds. No discussion. All in favor.

2. Treasurer's report - no updates at this time

3. Public participation - No public participation at meeting.

5. Discuss and award mowing contracts for 2022

TC reviewed both Saladino and Peak. If going with Peak, we are requesting an email notification for each maintenance event to Julie which will be tracked on a google sheet on the TC google drive. Jo makes a motion to award 2022 mowing contract for an estimate of \$7188.50. Julie seconds the motion. All in favor.

6. Trail maintenance priorities: Will postpone to June.

7. Jake White Memorial/kiosk at Chimney Hill: Jo is managing stakeholder communication. Will continue to sort through and prioritize progress.

8. Installing trail fitness stations near Beaver Brook trail: Julie is in communication with Jake from Peak properties about install. Julie will facilitate a date to walk the area with Jake and put down markers/flags for fitness equipment stations. TC will then individually check locations at their convenience and confirm. Peak can then install

9. Updating land owner permissions/Lisle Hill trail: Land has transferred ownership, and landowners may not be aware that there is a trail on their property. Jo is in communication with Stump Jumpers

10. Other business: Julie brought concerns of no trespass sign on raponda loop end gate. Alan also marked this spur in the past week. Might want to consider a better trail sign and/or map at this intersection.

Motion to adjourn made by Julie, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.