

Wilmington Trail Committee
Minutes for September 14, 2023

Members present: Joanne Yankura, Bob Fisher, Julie Koehler, Jeff Menges, Carol Bois

Alternates present: Alan Baker

Public: John Mosher, Melanie Winters

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Bob Fisher.

1. Changes to the agenda - Jon Moser to be moved to first. Gave a brief update on bench progress. Requested TC sign off on Eagle Scout form.
2. Public Comments - none present
3. Approve minutes from August 10, 2023 - Carol makes a motion, Joanne seconds, no discussion, all in favor
4. Financial report - \$6305 total in trails mowing expenses through 8/29/23.

Public Comments, late arrival - Lincoln Rathnam present, sharing information about Deerfield Valley Pilgrimage Walk. Shared background on inception. Shared route and trail passes.

5. Updates on HT&W permitting process: DRB meeting Monday 5pm, multiple members will plan to attend. Additionally Joanne will file permit application for parking lot.
6. Finalize dedication ceremony plans for Jake White Memorial: Shared on facebook, Wilmington Weekly, chamber event list, Chimney Hill newsletter. Outstanding advertising: motion made by Joanne to list event in paper, total is \$165, seconded by Jeff, all in favor
7. Trail maintenance needs:
 - a. John Redd emailed WTC to ask if maintenance funds could be used to replace the Raponda Ridge sign that is in poor condition. Discussion ensued about the inappropriateness of replacing a sign that is actually a contractor sign for the Raponda Ridge development. An alternative idea proposed was to replace the sign with a "Raponda Ridge Trail" sign that would match the design style of the already existing "Wilmington Trails" in that same location. Carol suggested soliciting a sponsor to pay for the sign which would display the sponsor's name. Carol will investigate sign fabricators, potential sponsors, and obtain cost estimates for a replacement as proposed.
 - b. Primitive trail bridge behind Evans property needs considerable repair. In addition, one or two bridges on the HT&W trail at the Mill Street trailhead need some repair work. After discussion, it was decided to schedule a work bee for the HT&W trail on Thursday, September 28th @ 1 pm to complete brush clearing at the same location as the previous work bee. In addition, the bridge will be examined and a repair plan determined. Meet up place is at the same location: 26 Blueberry Hill Drive. Joanne will take photos of the two HT&W bridge problems and circulate via WTC email list for member suggestions regarding how to repair the problems and materials needed.
8. Dog etiquette signs for HT&W trail: Jeff passed around three different sign design options to consider and suggested that a cheap aluminum sign could be fabricated very inexpensively—possibly for as little as \$11/sign. The black and white dog design was selected unanimously. As a temporary measure, Jeff will print a few signs, cover them in a water proof cover, and post on the HT&W trail within the next few days.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41, Joanne seconded. All in favor.