

Sanford Trail Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday July 18, 2022

Meeting began at 7:02

Members Present: Hazen Carpenter, Sam Parady, Dollie Hutchins, Kevin McKeon, Brady Lloyd, All Pollard, Jeff Wells, Thom Gagné

Guests: Dianne Connolly

1. Approval of June 13, 2022 minutes: Motion by Sam and seconded by Dollie to approve the minutes as presented.
2. Financial Report: Brady reported that our \$20K budget was approved. We now have about \$30K with about \$5K in the Special acct.
3. Committee Reports:
 - A. Communications/Outreach: No report at this time.
 - B. Construction/Maintenance: Hazen reported the following:
 - 1) Matt Landry is ready to go on the repair of the trail by the dog park. No update on the gravel needed for the repairs.
 - 2) Graffiti at Mousam Way Park in Springvale. Hazen working on the cost of the clean up that will be billed to the juveniles responsible.
 - 3) Rail trail Tour: Hazen took Mayor Mastraccio and Mora down sections of the rail trail.
 - 4) Trees down on Rail Trail: The problem is from Hansons Ridge Road and the gate. Hazen suggested that we hire a the tree service Co. used by the City to dog the removal. Motion by Al and seconded by Dollie to approve up to \$1,600.00 to pay for the removal, trimming and widening of the canopy. Unanimously approved.
 - 5) Hazen brought up the School St. Park. He mentioned how we had difficulty with the boat ramp proposal and guard rail. He informed the group that the PW plans to put in a culvert with lots of rip-rap above and below it. It is shown in the last version of the plan. Hazen believes that the PW plan would look terrible. Hazen proposed that we cancel the entire project and use the money originally allocated to it for other projects. Motion by Hazen and seconded by Al to abort the School Street Park project and put down some gravel in the area and use the money for other purposes. Motion was defeated 5 to 2. Hazen

to retire from further participation in the project. Brady to reach out to PW for a timeline. After that we can decide what to do.

- 6) Beaver Deceiver: Brady to contact Skip Lyle.
 - 7) Bridge at the leap: Hazen reported that we allowed up to \$600.00 But the cost will be closer to \$400.00. Need a work party of 5-6 people for July 29 at 9:00 am and meet at the Veterans Cemetery.
- C. Volunteer Hours: Lawrence reported that there were at least 42 hours of service put in by committee members.
 - D. City Relations: Sam mentioned that there was a new Counselor. He stated there was a proposal to close Holdsworth Park two days a week, W & F, 7:30 - 5:30 for the City Summer Camp. This is a proactive safety measure. Trail hikers will be allowed but, the swimming area, pavilion and picnic areas will be closed for the public while camp is in session.
 - E. Trail Adoption & Volunteers: No report at this time.
4. Old Business:
- A. Middle School Connector: It is a “No Go” at this time. There is an objection from the superintendent.
 - B. High School Loop Trail: The area has been cleared for us to proceed. We will need to go out to bid and develop the specs.
 - C. Farm Trail repair with the Snowgoers: Following a group inspection at the site that needs work, it was determined that the cost for the trail repair/maintenance would be \$6,500.00. The Trail Committee originally agreed to fund \$2,500.00.
Motion by Al and seconded by Sam to allocate up to \$2,500.00 to the SnowGowers to repair/improve the Farm Trail. Unanimously approved.
 - D. Historic Signs: Hazen reported that a group of Committee members replace the signs that need replacing and added a few new ones. Hazen and Thom placed a new sign post and sign at Central Park designating the original name of the park as Willard Park. They also straighten out a post by the old Longfellow school lot and replace a post that had been broken by car crash at the Post Office.
 - E. July 3rd City Celebration: Sam and Lawrence stated that they had a good time promoting both the Rotary and Trail Committee. They passed out a lot of maps.
 - F. Prior Property Owners Agreements: No action to report. The file is Still missing.

5. New Business:

A. Improved Signage:

- 1) We need to improve signage on MW North.
- 2) With regards to the Rail Trail, Brady will need to post signs at Pleasant St. by RR Ave and one at Hansons Ridge to Deering Pond as per the Rail Trail Policy.
- 3) We need signs on the pavilion for the Leap and on the other side.

B. MWN Leap Trail Bridge and DEP feedback: We were informed that we need to file an application for DEP. Brady to email resources for help.

C. Trail striping on Marginal Way: Brady stated that it was best to contract this out. Brady to get a contract.

D. Stanley Rd. and Leap Parking: Hazen contacted Matt Landry to see what could be done. Matt has not been able to get to the site.

E. Trail From Community Forest to Rhododendron Reserve: On hold at this time.

F. Paving from WOE Dr. To Middle School: Not action on this tonight.

G. Commitments for 2022: See email of May 12.

6. Next Meeting: August 15, 2022

7. Closing remarks: Dianne Connolly commented on the graffiti issue from item #3.B. 2) above and mention that there was more at the trail head at RR Ave. She also pointed out that there is a bent seat at one of the tables at the Kiwanis Park in Springvale. Hazen stated that he was aware of that problem. Sam also mentioned that the first platform on the river has some missing fence. Sam to send a photo.

8. Adjournment: Motion by AI and seconded by Sam to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 8:27

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary