



Meeting Minutes - Newtown Trails Committee

9/9/2010

In attendance:

Committee Chair - Scott Coleman
Committee Secretary -
Committee Members:
Steve Rosentel
Tom Long
Mark Lurie
Paula Burton
Cindy Miller

Parks and Recreation Representative - Amy Mangold

Newtown Conservation Committee Representative - Mary Kaley
- not in attendance

Public Participants/Attendees:
None

Meeting was preceded by a field observation of the Point O' Rocks trail project by Committee Members: Scott Coleman, Amy Mangold, Mark Lurie, Tom Long and Paula Burton.

7:20 call to order

Public Participation -

Item 1: None

Correspondence - None

Chairman report - None

Parks & Recreation Director report - The Conservation Plan of Development is just getting underway so the Trails Committee has plenty of time to develop a submission for the plan.

Tom Long will be distributing his recommendation to committee members for review at the next meeting.

Newtown Conservation Committee report - None



Old Business –

Item 1: Pole Bridge Site: Paula Burton reported that even though the survey at the Pole Bridge site is completed, a survey map has not yet been provided. Everything is on hold until the map is completed.

Item 2: Point of Rocks trail project

- Physical inspection of trail performed by Committee
- Trail will run from Point O' Rocks Road to Deep Brook
- Improvements will be made from ATV trail to Deep Brook. Including several trail switchbacks coming down from the ATV trail.
- A set of natural rock features for off-road bicycling exist on the trail near the ATV trail.
- An ideal location for a "pump track" was also identified. A pump track is a small enclosed track with banks, ramps and dips used by off-road bikes, a kin to a skateboard park except for bikes. The existing topography could be used to develop most of the features.
- More substantial improvements will be made on the portion of the trail from the pump track to Deep Brook to facilitate easy access.
- Mark Lurie will write up a 1 page overview of the planned trail.
- Paula Burton made a motion to present the trail concept to the Parks & Recreation Commission for approval for development.
 - Mark Lurie seconded the motion
 - The motion passed.
- Mark and Scott will present the idea to Parks & Recreation at the next Commission meeting on September 14th.

Item 3: Operational Guidelines

- One further modification was recommended noting that "at the end of any year, members will remain members until the Commission confirms the new members so that the committee can continue to function without interruption".
- Tom Long made a motion to approve the Operational Guidelines as amended.
 - Motion was seconded by Steve Rosentel
 - Motion passed

Item 4: Pond Brook

- Cindy Miller injured her foot and was not able to make any progress on outlining a trail proposal for that property. She may have something for the November meeting.



New Business –

Item 1: Trail Building Class:

- Paula B. and Mark L. have proposed they will teach a trail building class for anyone interested
- Planning for an October 30th date, Tom Long will identify a location
- First choice is the Newtown Booth Library
- Class to run from 9am - 11:30am
- Field work at the Point O' Rocks trail to follow - starting at 12:30
- Bag lunch would be held at Dickinson in-between the class and the field work
- Steve Rosentel's wife will handle class sign-ups via email
- Class would be for adults and children over 12
- Class size will be limited to 30 participants
- Advertising will be done in Bee and with Scouting organizations in Newtown
- Paula Burton will write up a class syllabus and announcement

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next meeting: October 14th at 7:00 pm

NOTE - Change of room - due to an art exhibit, the normal meeting room will NOT be available for the October meeting so it will be held in the Land Use meeting room in the same building.