

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2020
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin, Jonathan DeKock

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard

Documents Presented:

None.

Old Business:

Introduction:

Marc opened the meeting by announcing that it was being held by video conference, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order, due to the current State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak, suspending public gatherings.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the February 7 meeting were approved as written.

Russell Street Trails:

Marc reported that the staircase plan had been approved (i.e. received a Negative Determination of Applicability) by ConsCom on February 13. Since that time, the developer has installed a gravel berm alongside the road which may require the stair design to be modified. Alan will visit the site to review the conditions. Marc also noted that Brendon Properties has installed monumentation marking the trail easement, so finalizing the location should be straightforward.

Duckboards:

Marc noted that duckboard installation may be the only significant work that is possible during the social distancing restrictions. This work could potentially be done by one person at a time. More 2x10's need to be ordered. Steve will work on a description for a standard design, for reference by those working alone. Marc requested that the top three locations on the list be scouted for more specific requirements.

Greenough Land Project:

Jonathan reported that it is probably not possible to complete the project until the restrictions on gathering have been relaxed. He will contact the River Stewardship Council to request an extension of the time limitation for completion of the project.

New Business:

USF&W Agreement:

Marc reported that the meeting with the new refuge manager had to be cancelled, and needs to be rescheduled.

Trail Use:

Marc reported that with business shutdowns, the trails have been seeing an unprecedentedly high amount of use, but seem to be in good shape. The town and CCF have produced some signs describing new responsibilities for trail users, to be installed at various trailheads. Sylvia will leave the signs outside her garage to be picked up by Committee members willing to post them.

Trekker Awards:

It seems that many people are taking the opportunity to work on their Trekker Award, so a large number of applicants is expected. Consideration was given to relaxing the requirement to attend an organized trail work session, since it may be some time before another one is possible, but the consensus was that it was reasonable for people to wait until that time. Marc noted that he needs to order some more patches since there are few left.

Towle Bench:

Marc reported that the bench at the Towle land had been removed and dumped at the bottom of the hill, but some unknown party had restored it to its original location by the time Committee members arrived; minor leveling work was all that was required.

Recent Trail Work:

Steve cleared the tree that had fallen on the boardwalk at Woodhaven and broken three joists.

Steve, Jonathan, Roy and Marc are working on repairs in individual shifts, with only one person on site at any time to maintain social distancing guidelines.

Roy cleared trees from the Davis Corridor. Two Rod Road, Benfield and the Pines Loop.

Bob Goldsmith cleared trees at Hart Farm and the Cranberry Bog.

Roy and Jonathan cleared a large fallen tree on the Otter Slide trail.

Alan and Steve filled two sink holes on the Otter Slide trail on March 28 using 13 buckets of rocks from the DPW. Steve also moved a duckboard (previously installed by neighbors) to a more useful spot.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for April 17, to be held by video conference.