CCPC Minutes

 03-27-2025

Members present: Jamie Reynolds, Bob Franzen, Steve Sandberg, Dottie Lauricella, Bob Dando, Jacob Bodway, Dan McCanna, Twan Leenders, Martha Anderson,

Guests: County- Pat Smith, Emma Cook, Bob Scudder guest-Barb Suckow

The meeting was held at the Chautauqua County Airport Meeting room and called to order at 10:02 am by Bob Franzen.

The minutes of the last meeting on February 27, 2025, were emailed to all, 2 changes were noted, and they passed with the corrections.

Jamie advised us that Tom Erlandson is retiring from the CCPC effective immediately and will be moving to Rochester, NY area. Martha moved to make Tom Erlandson a CCPC Emeritus member due to his many years of service on the commission and his great knowledge of the Parks and Trails. Discussion was held and it passed unanimously. We will now need another member for CCPC.

Jamie presented the operations report: parks remain closed, flagpole at Luensman work has begun, bathroom will be open when park opens, No news on the Equestrian trail. DPF and Planning are working on waterway funding. Jamie is getting estimates for new lean=tos from 2 local companies. Discussion was held on numbers of buildings, style, disassembly site prep and cost.

Dottie presented a letter to Bob Scudder for the Legislature regarding the Equestrian Trail work, They have obtained a grant and can not begin work or planning as the county law dept. has not moved forward with any work on this item, Bob stated he will contact Pierre, Travis and PJ Wendell to attempt to get this moving forward in a more timely manner.

Jacob is working on grant applications, including the Ralph Wilson Maintenance fund. He also stated the new Wetland regulations from DEC will affect any work on the Overland Trail at Ruttenbur Rd as it has been designated as wetland now. Discussion was held on work, re-routing and permits. Jacob has done 2 instructional videos on how to use the new County mapping app.. He will speak at a state meeting on Greenways and the work that has been done locally next week.

Twan is working on obtaining funding for completing the waterway clean-up and has the contractors on hold. The waterway masterplan is completed.

The June 21 trail Day will have Equestrian group on the new Homestead trail; Rails 2 Trails will hike on the Prospect Station area, Mountain biking will be on Harris Hill Ext,.and Long Point, Waterways will be Cassadaga Creek, Birding will be at Cassadaga lake park, and Hiking with CCPC will be at Erlandson Park/trail in the am and new Gorge Loop in the afternoon

Most of the QR code sign in placards have been installed on the sign in boxes, Paper sign in will continue to be used also, Wegmans passport books will be placed in the boxes also. The QR code for the county trails will be on or near the boxes also,

The next meeting will be April 24, at 10:00 am at the CC Airport.