#  CCPC Minutes

 05-22-2025

Members present: Jamie Reynolds, Steve Sandberg, Dan McCanna, Twan Lenders, Bob Dando, Jacob Bodway, Jan Bowman, Dottie Lauricella

Guests: Courtney Domst (CCDPD), Theresa Draves (DEC), Elizabeth Dundt (DEC)

The CCPC meeting was held at the CC Airport conference room and called to order by Commission Member Twan Lenders at10:05am.

The minutes of the April meeting were emailed to all, no changes noted.

Introduction of Jan Bowman, newest member of the Commission, pending legislature approval.

Jamie Reynolds explained staffing for the Parks& trails. One full time employee has left and 4 seasonal employees to start on Tuesday 5/27/25.

The flagpole at Luensman Park is up and lights are on. Both Luensman and Erlandson Parks are reserved for activities on June 21st.

Jacob Bodway reported that everything is on track to begin work on the East Side Overland trail on Boutwell Hill. $80,000 has been received and anticipating another&35,000 in donations from other sources. Currently waiting for the area to dry out.

QR codes have been placed on the West Side Overland trail.

Friends of the Greenway Meeting is June 11th at 5pm at the Jackson Center. It is open to the public.

Theresa Draves from the DEC gave an update on a reroute on Boutwell Hill around the dam, out to the road, and back into the trail. She thanked the County for their assistance. Stated that the DEC is looking for funding to redo the trail in that area. DEC has been refreshing trail markers. Also have signed permits for work on Harris Hill and Panama bridges. Spoke about reforestation and will send us a link. Presented a pamphlet & info on the Webpage of “Trails Less Traveled”, an effort to direct the public to less crowded areas. Brokenstraw was targeted. North Harmony has a new Chronology/photo station site. Installed with the help from Cummins Volunteer group on “I Love MY Parks Day”. There are Hemlock Herbicide treatments occurring on the East Side Overland at Harriss Hill.

Waterways: Funding of $87,000 from ARPA interest and $63,000 from occupancy tax (that amount will be repaid if Ralph Wilson Grant is approved.) Currently waterways south of Frewsburg should be clear. Maintenance of all areas cleared last year should be done soon. Top 9 miles of Cassadaga Creek has 12 trees down. Discussions ongoing of possibility of state funding for maintenance so waterways in the future.

OLD Business: Property sales- Jamie Reynolds will be meeting with Andrew Molitar on 5/23/25 to present paperwork that will be forwarded to Albany to approve previously discuss property sales. Currently 3 landowners are interested in Reforrestation lot#12. Jamie has been in contact with landowners of the Arkwright property. The owners will meet with him this summer for further discussion. Discussion of the timber sale at Luensman Park continues. Skidding with horses to minimize damage being considered.

June 21st Activities:

8am Birdwalk at Cassadaga Lakes Nature Park (next to Camp Gross)

10 am Walk at Homestead trail

11:30am Ribbon Cutting at Homestead and Horsedrawn wagon rides

10am Promotional Walk at Erlandson

1 pm Kayaking from Kabob launch to Redbird Corners

2pm Promotional Walk at Chautauqua Gorge loop

2pm Cookout at Luensman

Horse trail Update: Jamie Reynolds announced Bob Scudder has received permission from the law department for CCETS to open the horse trail on the county property in North Harmony!

Courtney Donst relayed a safety issue concerning the lean-to replacement proposal. Jamie has addressed this issue.

Jamie encourage Commission members to suggest projects to enhance trails 7 share CCParks and Trails page on FB.

Next meeting will be June 26th at 10am at the Airport.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36a