CCPC Minutes

August 28, 2025

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

Guest: Courtney Domst(CCDPD), Thomas Wright

The August meeting was called to order by Bob Franzen at 10:00 am at the Chautauqua County Airport Conference room. The minutes of the July 31st meeting were emailed to all with no changes noted. They were accepted as written.

Jamie presented the operations report as follows; Parks are receiving reservations online and have one for 2026 already! There are 2 fall weddings at Luensman. Erlandson has been busier than initially thought. Pat will be off at least until Sept 15th. 2 of the seasonal employees will be staying on until Oct 22nd. Bridges at Harris Hill and Broken straw are waiting for a report from the Army corps of engineers. There was an inquiry from a resident about mowing at Erlandson interfering with the monarch butterfly's life cycle. Jan suggested that mowing be moved to September and all agreed. Discussion of permanently closing the waterway trail from north end of Cassadaga Creek to Redbird launch. This section is clogged with many trees. All agreed to have the cleanup crew abandon this stretch and clean up the island instead. Discuss a new launch at Poland Center. Ross Mills launch also needs work. The Planning dept. Is working on including Millrace park in the Village of Falconer's New York Forward application. Steve is working on parks Logo. Workers are asking for shirts and hats to identify them. A group of Commission members met with Tim Catalano and walked to Arkwright Falls. Options discuss were possible purchase of 10 acres, emergency access to the falls from Park Road. There will be a legislative meeting to discuss in detail.

Trails: Jacob reports that the DEC is working on permits for work at Boutwell Hill. May be able to start in the fall. Signs are up at Titus rd south.Bates rd to Stebbins rd from J to K are 2-3 bridges that need repair. Discuss moving trail to an old access road. Jamie will check on the need for easements. Noted that the Gorge Trail is seeing 200 hikers in 10days. There is one wet area that needs drainage. Panama trail has a large tree down that will be removed. Chainsaw training in October will cut some trees at Luensman and possibly some dead ash trees at Harris Hill Parking lot. Jacob had an informational presentation about the trails with the Jamestown teachers.

Waterways: Twan reported that the crew will start in Levant next week. Sept 6th starting in Levant and go to the bridge at Stone rd to clean up. The County Transfer station will take the tires removed for free.

Tom Daws received an award at the Dart Airport. Martha has pictures.

Shirts with CHQ logo are available at Jamestown Rubber Stamp.

Next Meeting will be Sept. 25th at the CC Airport conference room 10am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:14am.