



TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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AD HOC ELLINGTON
TRAILS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2018
Town Hall Meeting Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erin Stavens, Lauren Desrocher, Cheri Murphy, Judy Manfre, Valerie Amsel, Pam McCormick, Lois Timms-Ferrara, Linda Anderson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rachel Dearborn, Cynthia van Zelm

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Tedford

I. CALL TO ORDER

Erin Stavens called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. CITIZENS FORUM

No citizens came forward.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 6, 2018

MOVED (STAVENS), SECONDED (DESROCHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE JUNE 6, 2018 MEETING MINUTES.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Trails Clean Up and Turtle Release – 6/16

The cleanup and the turtle release both went well.

B. Summer Hike at Balanced Boulder

Pam McCormick and Cynthia van Zelm attended the Balanced Boulder event. Across the street, there was a bone mill and a dam where powder and mine lead used to be produced.

C. Other

A former Eagle Scout has reached out to the Committee about current scouts who are always looking for new projects, especially if the Committee will need help with the new Kimball project. Bruce Dinnie stated that there is no indication of the prior trail on the property, but that the scouts would be very

helpful; there are about 100 kids in Pack 77, the Crystal Lake Cub Scouts group. If bridges are necessary, the Committee could consider asking Kloter or Barnyard to material donations, but Bruce thinks that the members should see what can be accomplished independently.

The idea of a sidewalk around Dzen's was brought up, and a question was asked whether a request should be put in with Public Works; however, Bob Tedford reported that there isn't a ton of funding secured for new or upcoming projects. Bruce will inquire about what materials the Committee will need to acquire. There is a property border at Metcalf that could use a rope fence to distinguish the line better.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Improvements at Metcalf

Tanya Engler had called Lauren Desrocher about two trees that had fallen on Tom Connelly's property. Bob Kraus reportedly submitted a complaint with the Town, which had a tree company cut them down. They were then left on the property for approximately four days.

Erin suggested that the Committee put up a bench at the Metcalf Property as a memorial for Tanya's daughter Jordyn, an Ellington High School student who passed away a few years ago; Tanya lives near the property.

B. River Clean Up at YMCA/Windermere Trail – 7/21

The next cleanup is scheduled for July 27, which will be focused on the river itself. Water shoes are recommended for anyone planning to attend. Valerie Amsel recommended getting a "reacher" to help pick up trash.

C. Bobcat Sightings

No discussion was held regarding the recent bobcat sightings in Town.

D. Other

No other business was discussed.

VI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance

There was no report from the sub-committee.

B. Maintenance

There was no report from the sub-committee.

C. Publicity/Community Reach-out

There was no report from the sub-committee.

D. Planning/Development

There was no report from the sub-committee.

VII. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS

A. Farmers Market

Cynthia has secured a spot for the Farmers Market in September; this will be a good opportunity to sell the Trails tshirts.

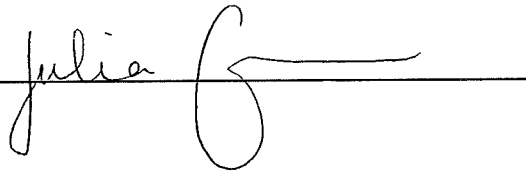
B. Prep for Jack-O-Lantern Walk/Trunk or Treat

It was recommended that a new sub-committee be formed for this event. The EVFD Chief is in the middle of a cross-country tour at the moment and the EVFD was therefore reportedly hesitant to discuss partnering for the event, as they typically hold their event at Arbor Park and are hesitant to move it to a new location. Perhaps holding a "Trail or Treat" and involving another department, such as the Senior Center, would be a better plan. The Committee will need to decide on a date that will not conflict with the EVFD's event.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (STAVENS), SECONDED (DESROCHER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:42 PM.

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julia G.", is written over a horizontal line.

