
Friends of the Outlet, Inc. Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

Attendees

Gwen Chamberlain, Phil Rahr, Rachel Knapton, Nancy Tharp, Peg Thompson, Dan Condella, Steve Stork, Mickey Orr, Tom McGuigan,

Meeting called to order at 7:04 (Lyons)

No guests from the public

Maintenance Report (Presented by Mickey Orr)

Lower attendance at recent Maintenance meeting. Phil and Gwen both attended. Discussed list from Board retreat, as well as Cherry Street closure. Need to make sure that somebody is following up on the trail surface that we asked for. (Dan will follow up on this.) Trail surfaces that Dan and Phil checked on...Mickey will try to get ahold of Tim Hansen about that project. One section of the trail has been an issue for people with wheelchairs between paper mill and turtle pond. (Should be a simple fix)

Trail vehicle: Has been purchased! Will be on trail by this weekend. (Gwen needs to know arrival date so we can do a photo and article.) Discussed tearing down the maintenance building (bad roof, etc.) can be used for materials (timber and tin). Ivan will tear down? Need to decide what to replace it with. Gwen has information:

Adam Fox called today and said that he's priced out materials only at \$15-\$16,000. Need to widen the concrete pad for new posts. Is open to it being a community project (no labor cost). Not sure if cost includes electricity, etc. Need an ad-hoc committee to create a community project (the construction itself). Would like to have building torn down this winter so we can be planned and ready come spring.

Steve S. wonders about liability of having Ivan tearing down the building (if someone got hurt). Gwen wonders if volunteers are covered under our insurance, Steve says no. Need a contractual agreement for that to work. Steve Stork will follow up.

Porta Potties have been installed at Cherry Street and Cascade. Need to get old ones out of Cascade.

Sluice pipe at Milo has been done. Lance will send the bill for the pipe.

Gwen asks about what we could make from the scrap metal. Mickey's not sure, but it's worth looking into. Suggests talking to Ron Miller from Dundee about this.

Keuka College Lax is coming October 13 at 10:45 AM for a clean up/service job.

\$250 in trail donations (from the trail)

Steve Stork mentions how amazing the trail looks lately. Phil Rahr mentions how people have been feeling safer on the trail, because of conditions. Conditions allow it to be used more, which makes it feel safer.

Gwen motions to accept the August minutes.

Steve seconds. Passes

Membership Report

Planning Committee

Concerns about safety at Cascade Mills. Rob did research and found out that Taylor buildings were designated as contributing structures. Tire building is NON-contributing, so we have some options that can be pursued. Potentially something to work with Town of Torrey on (to put funds through a municipality).

Would like to speak with contractors about cost of demolishing the building.

If asbestos (just tire building). \$90,000

Other buildings would be around \$250,000 for both.

Put a fence up around the buildings? Secure them for the time being.

Dan says that if property is considered "dead" property, more options can be open.

Planning committee will continue to research this for answers.

Phil requests Community Relations being kept in the loop to handle public comments if anyone is concerned about the buildings coming down.

Finance Report (presented by Steve Stork)

Checking 53,708.28

Savings 55,783.71

TAC grant: Steve and Gwen attended. \$8,400 awarded. Steve commended Gwen on her preparedness for that interview. Gwen commends Kristi for the work she did on that grant.

January 1, Susan Spence will start as our finance person.

Joan Hansen transferred \$16,500 for new tractor

Peg Comments that 5 years ago, we didn't have enough money to pay bills. Our organization has been thriving thanks to the the efforts of our maintenance crew, board, and volunteers.

Community Relations Report (presented by Phil Rahr)

Plein air painting October 7, 10-1

Lax team coming out for Community Service

Mindful walk October 21 (last one for the year)

Deb met with Kristi to discuss History Center Event. Has concerns about how this might work in order to focus on the specific mill/falls areas. Also discussed Little Free Libraries for the trail and collaborate with Arts Center. Unveil there.

Rachel attended the TBEX event and it was a success, even though attendance was low.

President's Report (Presented by Gwen Chamberlain)

Steve Miller and Gwen went to Land Trust Alliance training, very helpful. Hoping to get people in November 2nd training in Saratoga Springs. Cascade and Mays Mills signs are working on images for new signs.

Dresden sign has inspired others to want to contribute to signs. Dick Brown's family wants to help with one.

Pavillion- Gwen's project for November is a budget for 2019. Email received from Finger Lakes Land Trust. Would like to meet with us as a board.

Gwen is out of town for a few weeks in October, would like to meet with FLLT in November.

Move next meeting to October 30 (Tuesday).

HWS wants to do Day of Service on October 20. Declining this time, but would like for a way to work in the future//ask college students to conduct interviews with trail users, collect data. (Data is something we're low on when it comes to trail users, so this would be helpful.)

Board Comments

Penn Yan Kiwanis will be disbanding. Deb wonders if the board would like to take over the Country Meats fundraiser that Kiwanis has been running.

Peg says there is an issue with a house being bought with a driveway that merges onto our property. Advice from Don Schneider is to give them an easement so they can purchase the home and everybody can move on. (Sale Pending). Peg makes a motion to accept the proposal (allow Gwen to authorize the easement) Nancy seconds. Discussion about whether or not we would need to use the property. All in favor. Motion passes.

Dan says the bridge behind Birkett Mills will be set on Friday. Cornell students came in to study trails/get trails in the area "connected".

Chicken BBQ Saturday is ready to go. .

Steve makes a motion made to close the meeting

Rachel seconds

Adjourn at 8:01 pm