
Friends of the Outlet, Inc. Meeting

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

Attendees

Gwen Chamberlain, Rachel Knapton, Phil Rahr, Rob Schwarting, Steve Miller, Dan Mackey, Kristin Burch, Susan Spence, Dan Condella, Mickey Orr

Guests

None present

Gwen Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Public Comment

Maintenance Report (Presented by Mickey Orr)

*Pavilion is ordered and will be here the middle of July

*Quote for the pipe railings around the lookout area at Seneca. Still working with the boy scout on the project. The quote was for \$1100.00 will present to lion's club on Monday to pay for. He is working on the split rail fences for the other area's

*The hill leading up to the pavilion has washed out again and rutted up, not going to put crush stone back in. I have arranged to get ground up asphalt from Town of Jerusalem today, renting an excavator Friday and a roller Saturday to try and fix that hill like the parking area.

*A woman has approached the Friends of the Outlet with her proposal to operate a tubing concession on the Keuka Outlet.

Review past Projects

Maintenance Building – Light switch installed as you enter door,

Old Maintenance Building – Ivan will tear down rest of enclosed Old maintenance building

New Pavillion - pavilion is ordered and will be here the middle of July

Hill leading up to the Lion's Club pavilion – Norm and a friend have installed a new surface

Surface between Milo Mills and Fox's Hill - Parking lot at Guy's bench and the trail that needed fixing is done, 18 tons #1 crush stone thanks to John Warner

Dump Trailer (Hydraulic?) - Need a quote, will be used to haul gravel, wood chips, etc. on trail

Back Pack Sprayer – Need a quote, will be used for unwanted plants, specifically Poison Ivy

Porta Potties – running out of toilet paper (Gwen recommends asking Affordable Portables to leave some extra toilet paper and hand sanitizer with the board members so we can replace as needed)

On Going to Do List:

Surface – Getting a quote from Tim Hansen and city hill for trail between Milo Mills toward Turtle pond where the gravel road was put.

Buildings / Safety – Bad undercut just west of Turtle Creek

Town of Milo task List Fox's Hill Culvert, Sluice pipe project. Leaning Wall at Seneca Mills

Next Scheduled Meeting: 10 July, 2019 Cascade 7:00 PM

8:07 PM Kristin motions to accept the minutes from May, Dan M seconds it. The motion passes.

Finance Report (presented by Steve Stork)

Rob Schwarting motions to accept the report, Rachel seconds it. The motion passes.

Membership Report (Sent in by Kristi Hoag)

Planning Committee (presented by Rob Schwarting)

Gwen handed out a report on our committee plan from last August about our priorities for projects so that we, as a board, could check our progress.

Discussion around the bike fix-it station arose--potential for a partnership/sponsorship with a local bike store. Gwen will approach Martin's bike shop and Dan M. will approach Weaver's.

Rob has concerns about how to raise an appropriate amount of funds for the trail upgrades that are included in our vision. He recommends that this become a priority for our board because it's a major undertaking that cannot just be left to one or two people.

Dan C wonders if the Army Corps of Engineers might be able to help with a grant to fix the bank that is eroding.

Gwen recommends writing letters to local municipalities to ask for more support in completing projects.

The board consensus is that the resurfacing of the trail and the erosion of the trail are our number one priorities, but that creating stage/event space is second (in order to help bring in more money to help with these financial projects).

Steve M wonders how this priority change (erosion is number 1) affects the priorities by trail sections. Gwen points out that the other priorities are still mostly being met, and we can continue to work on those with our major priority.

Rob will continue to look into grant research.

Community Relations Report (presented by Phil Rahr)

Phil helped Milly's pantry pack the bags with granola bars and trail guides.

The arts festival went well. The rock painting was popular. 5 new members were brought in for \$110.

\$90 family membership from a woman who had her wedding on the trail.

The coloring and writing contest (roughly 150 participants). The community relations committee will choose winners and notify them and give them prizes. Some top participants can be displayed in the kiosks on the trail. (Rob recommends having the top pictures hung in local banks).

HGTV was on the trail yesterday to film for Lakefront Bargain Hunt.

The newsletter is almost ready to go out.

Phil would like a key so that he can update the kiosks

Trail guides need a minor update before the next reprinting.

Steamboat Castle would like to donate toward another printing of the trail guides because they hand them out at their B&B and are successful with them.

Our first Climbing Bines "Making Friends" event at their monthly brunch is this Sunday (Hannah and Rachel are running this).

President's Report (Presented by Gwen Chamberlain)

Cascade Buildings: No change from May report: Awaiting results of the building survey by Arcadis. Two engineers were at the site May 16.

Grants: We did not receive the Doppelt grant for trail surface improvement. Please see the attached letter I plan to send to the Yates County Legislature Finance Committee.

Bank erosion repairs: The contractors at the FEMA site were unable to work at all last week due to high water. They were not able to build a detour, so the area between Cherry Street and Fox Mills will be closed Mondays through Thursdays while they work. The entire trail will be open from Thursday evening to Monday morning. I visited the site near the turtle pond with John Warner last week. He has posted orange fencing to keep people from the edge.

Signs: The sign for May's Mills/Cascade has been ordered.

National Trails Day: We donated granola bars to Milly's Pantry for the backpack program

Trail Tour: Tracy Mitrano, who is challenging Rep. Tom Reed for the 23rd District Congressional seat would like to tour the trail July 20 with representatives from Seneca Lake Pure Waters, Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization and Keuka Lake Association. *(Dan C. and Rachel said they could be available for the walk.)*

Seneca Lake Steward: Ian Smith is seeking our approval to do some flow studies in the Keuka Outlet. Here is his explanation: "This requires placing equipment in the stream on a semi-permanent (until winter) basis. It consists of two parts: an instrument that measures the height of the water (called a pressure transducer or PT for short) and a gauge board (basically an oversized ruler). The PT is about the size of a cigar so it's rather unobtrusive. The gauge board however is not as they are about 1 meter tall and bright white. A nice thing about the feeder streams along the Outlet is they are all culverted so if the gauge boards are an issue we can just use the culverts as a reference." "Depending on the interests of the organization I would be happy to do a group ride/walk down the trail to talk about the monitoring and watershed issues in general."

July NO Board of Directors Meeting

August Aug. 3: Oak Hill Barbecue

August 24: HWS Community Work day, looking for projects.

Aug. 28: Board of Directors Meeting 7 p.m. Cascade or LNB?

Board Comments

Steve M wonders if we've ever done any collaboration with Community Health. Gwen says it was approached in the past, but it was between the Village and Community Health. Kristin recalls it but doesn't think it was particularly well attended. Maybe encourage a walking group

Rachel makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31. Kristin seconds it. Meeting adjourns at 8:31 PM.