

Special Trail DEvelopment Committee Meeting
Monday October 19, 2015

Meeting began at 7:11

Members present: Lee Burnett, Don Roux, Dollie Hutchins, Thom Gagné, Rick Tockman, Marcel Blouin

1. Approval of minutes from the Sept. 28 Meeting: Motion by Rick and seconded by Don to accept the minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.
2. Old Business:
 - a) Allocation of Forestry Funds: Lee presented a copy of the City Council minutes with regards to the allocation of the forestry funds. See attached copy of City Council Minutes #15-130.5. It proposes that the City Council approve \$3,800 for the H.S. trail Phase 1, RPT grant match of \$7,500 for H.S. Trail Phase1 and RPT grant match of \$20,000 for the Springvale Farm Connector trail project. This will be presented to the City Council tomorrow (10/20/2015).
 - b) Lee stated that the amount for maintenance was not included. Lee will approach the City Council in the near future to reallocate some of the funds for this. Lee mentioned that the RPT grant money for the H.S. trail Phase 1 can not be included to move some of the fence along the City Maintenance Dept.
 - c) For the RPT grant for the Springvale Farm Trail, the So. ME. Snowgowers will be the applicant for this trail grant as long as the club has it in writing that it doesn't have to put up the matching funds.
 - d) Maintenance Priorities for 2016:

There was some discussion about having the Y bike/ped trail repaved and sealed. Marcel to contact Joe Violet for a sealing estimate. We need to budget for repairing the root issue there. Marcel also mentioned the need to repaint the gates and replace the reflective material. Marcel also suggested that we put together a maintenance budget to be administered by his Dept.

From the reports submitted, Rick will put together a priority list for review by the committee.

3. New Business: Thom reported that he and Al Pollard removed a large tree that had fallen across the trail behind the Y. This obstruction had been reported to Thom by a Y patron. It took he and Al about a half hour to clear the obstruction.

Committee Reports:

- Maintenance: Rick Tockman reported that a number of people said they would take on some of the trail maintenance/clean up but most didn't get back to him. Rick has had much difficulty getting volunteers to commit. There are two ladies who wish to remain anonymous that are doing some trail maintenance. There are few people who are actually getting back to him. He expressed frustration at trying to get commitments for trail maintenance. Many are called, few respond.
4. Open Discussion: Lee reported that the new City Planner is very interested in the paper street situation. However, she is unavailable on Mondays. Lee will send everyone a list of paper streets for review by members for discussion at the next meeting. The results of our discussion will be sent to Beth (City Planner).
 5. Next Meeting: Monday Nov. 16, 2015
 6. Adjournment: Motion by Don and seconded by Dollie to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Meeting ended at 9:07

Respectfully submitted by Thom Gagné, Secretary