

Marbletown Trails Committee
March 23, 2021
3:30 p.m. Outside the Community Center rear entrance

Attendees: Andy Lutz, Chris Schoonmaker, Ron Pierce, Jill McLean, Sandy Sheeley, Bill Eggers, Rich Hines, John Michalski, Eric Stewart, Carl Pezzino, Larry Skalla, Michelle Solcberg, Jessica Phelan

From the Agenda Items

New Historical Signs

Ten new historical signs for the trail were kicked off by a very successful grand opening at the Tongore Park pavilion in October 2020. About 50 people got to see replicas of the signs which were put up all along the trail. Many nice comments also from folks walking on the trail. Since the uptick of covid since our last meeting the trail remains busy and well-travelled.

Directional Sign Maintenance

Sanding and cleaning. Someone needs to head this. Carl asked, who has portable sanders? If we need to buy one or a couple we will. Barbara Sickler did the painting on them originally. Jill and Jess will look up how much they are and if our power batteries fit them. Post meeting, Rich Hines called Carl and said he would work on the clean up of the signs by removing them one at a time, then sanding and relettering again in red, and reposting. He hoped to have all the signs completed over the summer. Carl will get the acrylic red paint to him.

Brochures

We are down to about 100 brochures. Carl will confirm with Marion McCorkle to update them with the new Rest Plaus parking lot. Jill emailed with Marion in July and this was the pricing:

3,000 brochures- \$1100.00

5,000 brochures- \$1200.00

7,000 brochures- \$1500.00

Group decided that we should order 5,000 brochures

Carl will ask Marion for updated pricing. Everyone at the meeting was in agreement

Coalition update

Carl added the prison section in Napanoch should be open soon, and the Hurley to Kingston connector access is still in negotiation with the new property owner. County Planning Dept. hopes to have the access right of way official by Fall 2021.

Bird houses, repair or replace?

Rich will evaluate the condition of the bird houses on the trail and get back to us where replacements are needed. (Newest one is at Cottekill north.) Early March until now is the time to clean out the houses. Segment trailkeepers, if you have not done this already, please take a walk on your segment and clean out the bird houses.

Bench Repairs

On Cottekill north, Andy, Carl and Bob completed the repair by replacing all the bench slats. Thank you !! Bob has a little ATV kart they used and that was a very big help!

Shirts and sweatshirts

Carl and the group gives a big thank you to Rich H. !!! for getting our new logoed work tee shirts and hoodie sweatshirts through design and build at KENCO. They have been well received by our trail keepers and the public.

New Directional Signs at Lucas and 213

For the signage at the corner of Lucas. We need to send schematics to Dave Corrigan from the State. This is for the corner of Lucas. Lucas is a city road but 213 is maintained by the State. Jill will email Mr. Corrigan. He will have access to landowner maps etc, We need to draw pictures up. 2 Corners, western end by shop, another crossing, and across and around high falls with arrow. Eric suggested combining with Grady Park sign plans for a smooth transition. Eric will get with Jill on this.

New planting possibilities at Rest Plaus bridge parking hill

Eric has ideas for the plantings at Rest Plaus. Grasses, native dogwoods, pollinator garden. Eric suggested that the ECC might have volunteers to help and that we could coordinate it with Earth Day, 4/22 or 4/24? We have to get right on it. Eric suggested that we might ask Harry Hansen for a water source for planting day. Eric, Jill and John will meet at Rest Plaus Monday, 3/29 at 9 am to discuss. They will also assess the lips on the bridges on Rest Plaus. Wood will be placed on the side on the bridge to contain the loose stone.

Brochure Holder upgrades

Chris suggested adding a lid on the brochure holder at Rest Plaus. Chris, John, and Rich are going to work on this project. This will help protect the brochures. They will use wood and plexi glass. Mr. Skalla added he has some plexi glass we can use for this project. He will bring to John.

Kiosk at Hurley south

Carl will get in touch with Hurley committee about the poor condition of their kiosk. Roof is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. Entire kiosk needs new plexiglass, staple removal etc.

Large leaner north of Damon's driveway

Ron reports north of Damon's driveway about a tenth of a mile N there is a super large tree that has snapped off very high up. There are also 3 big leaners a short distance south of Leggett. Jill will get with highway and coordinate taking these four hazardous leaners down.

College Connector status

Contractors are now clearing the area for the new public parking lot behind the Ridgegym. When cleared, Highway will finish the job and open up the new trail over Davenport property to the College. The Trails crew met last week and walked the college connector with the Solar contractor. There is a stream on the connector on college property and Nadine is working on making sure there are no federal or state restrictions concerning wetlands. As of today, the Davenports have not signed off on the right of way. Eric brought up a question: have we done any signs on 209 indicating the new trail? Not yet, but this may fall into the new signage and wayfinding program the O&W coalition applied for with the county.

Eagle Scout Project for College Connector

2 signs, one on either side of the college connector are needed. Jill and Carl are working with the Eagle Scout candidate for creating and installing these signs once the connector is completed.

Revamp the center red gate posts so they do not freeze and are easier to remove.

Bottom of posts need to be cut off so they don't stick out. So far, this would need to be done at Marcott N, Marcott S, Cottekill N, Leggett N, Damon crossing S, and possibly Damon crossing N. Chris will make a list. Chris, Ron and John all offered to help bring them down to Highway for cutting and welding. Jill will contact Highway about cutting them and putting flanges on them. Post meeting, this past week Chris took in depth inventory of the center posts. He found 4 okay and another 4 requiring shortening. He then cut four of the long posts and set up a bolt to stop the post from slipping through. Looks like a very good solution. Jill will let highway know we have a solution we can do ourselves. Thanks Chris!

Meeting Adjourned at 5 p.m.