

Kennedy Park Committee Meeting    **April 11, 2024 8:30 am** Lenox Town Hall

Present: Ruth Wheeler, Ray Kirby, Luke Martin. Absent Terry Weaver and Mark Smith. Also present Chris Ketchen, Bill Gop DPW and Sonya Bykofsky citizen.

\* Minutes of Oct 12, 2023 approved

\* Treasurer report see attached

\* Bob Coakley article in the Eagle. Thanks to Andy Breslin and Sue McNinch for their service

\* Welcome new members: New members will be appointed by the next meeting

\*Statement by new Chairperson: May 1975 town meeting approved a committee of no less than 5 and no more than 9 members to administer the terms of the will of John D Kennedy

\* Trail Maintenance report: Bill Gop reported the DPW has a new side by side vehicle which may be useful in maintenance issues. Mud season is in full swing. Since the fall meeting the chain saw crew as well as Ray Kirby and Art Stringer have cleared many downed trees, cleaned ditches, repaired wash outs

\*Old business The Cold Spring fence has been fixed. Berkshire County Fence repaired the black fence at the Belvedere. Luke reported on his research for benches and whether they should be dedicated to former committee members. Bill suggested that some benches would be useful along the blacktop and not necessarily further in the Park. No action taken. Bill also mentioned the entrance to the Park from the DPW is problematic as he sees many people go up and come right back down- possibly thinking there is no access to the trails there.

\* Select a new secretary; postponed to next meeting

\* New business: Trail assessment working group report: After consulting with Chris Ketchen, a trail assessment working group was formed consisting of Sue Lyman, Ray Kirby, Karen Romeo, Cynthia Carey and myself (Ruth Wheeler) representing different user groups and points of view. The purpose was to start the process of conducting assessments of all the trails to determine what maintenance is needed as well as issues such as trail surface, width, safety etc. I attended a zoom meeting by Peter Jensen who is well known for his trail building in the Berkshires for the BNRC. The group decided to contact him to explore a professional trail assessment which can guide the committee in future years to determine maintenance. The group noted trail conditions and rated each trail 1, 2 or 3. 1 was wide, well maintained, good footing like the Main Trail. 3 was trails like log hop and the mountain bike KPMB trails that are narrow and more rugged. Any trail that didn't fit in 1 or 3 was assigned a 2.

Berkshiresoutside. Org is a new website with a listing of trails in the Berkshires.

Next meeting June 13,2024 8:30am Town Hall

Ruth Wheeler Secretary

**Kennedy Park @ 04/05/24**

	Trust	Kennedy Park	Overlook	Total
Balance @ 07/01/23	\$12,272.45	\$47,356.62	\$5,490.00	\$65,119.07
Revenue:				
Donations		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Donations-In Memory of Susan McNinch		\$4,430.00		
Interest Earned 2024	\$219.53			\$219.53
Total Revenue	\$219.53	\$5,430.00	\$0.00	\$1,219.53
Expenses:				
Berkshire Fence Co-Picket Fence		\$2,450.00		\$2,450.00
Chris Carnevale		\$400.00		\$400.00
		\$0.00		
		<u>\$0.00</u>		
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$2,850.00	\$0.00	\$2,850.00
Balance @ 04/05/24	\$12,491.98	\$49,936.62	\$5,490.00	<b>\$67,918.60</b>

<b><u>Summary</u></b>	<b><u>Balance</u></b>
Kennedy Park Overlook Donations (Fund 18)	\$5,490.00
Kennedy Park Donations (Fund 18)	\$49,936.62
Kennedy Park (Fund 81)	\$12,000.00
Kennedy Park (Fund 82)	<u>\$491.98</u>
	<b>\$67,918.60</b>