

Kennedy Park Committee minutes 4/11/2019 Call to order at 8:30am

Present: Bob Coakley, Ruth Wheeler, Tom Roche, Luke Martin, Terry Weaver, Sue McNinch, Andrew Breslin, Ray Kirby, DPW Chief Billy Gop and Chris Ketchen chief administrative officer. Nolan absent

Minutes of Oct 11, 2018 meeting accepted

Treasurer's Report: Trust fund including interest \$12352.06, Park Fund \$1749.80 and Overlook fund \$8400.00. Bills paid from Park fund: \$500.0/Chris Carnevale/ tree work, Tom Stebben \$175.00

Trail Maintenance Report: Wheeler reported Art Stringer walked from Dugway Parking lot in a large loop on the north end and reported no down trees. He used the leaf blower to clear the asphalt loop by the water tank and he reported the KP parking sign on West Dugway is down. The fence at the water tank by the kiosk was broken during winter snow plowing. A motion was made and accepted to call American Fence to fix it and a suggestion was made to put a couple of reflector markers there before winter.

Update on cutting by Water tank and overlook. Chris Carnevale removed 3 big leaners by the water tank. He will start removing some of the smaller trees at the Overlook and proceed from there in stages. Warren Archey the Town tree warden has been involved in this process.

Atty Matt Mozian, representing John Fontaine Auction Gallery came before the committee to request our support for the purchase of a 1.5 acre parcel that is currently leased from the Town behind the stables. This piece of land is in Article 97 land and is not buildable. A motion was made by Sue McNinch to support selling this land to Gallery and approved unanimously.

Makenzie Greer from Berkshire Natural Resources Council updated the committee on the High Road plan. The first stage is focusing on Yokun Ridge, Parsons Marsh and Lenox. See attached maps. The committee gave unanimous approval for the BNRC to highlight three trails in KP for the high road: Coakley, Woolsey and potentially Undermountain. The use restrictions for KP would still apply, the only addition would be directional signs for the High Road.

Bakers Pond gazebo Update: The gazebo has been installed by Sheds and Stuff of Cheshire. There was a mix up and the Town was the happy recipient of two gazebos, the incorrect one is now at Tillotsan Park in the Dale. Shane Bosworth will build steps and Chris Carnevale will be removing the old junk/garbage. Billy Gop agreed to replace the boulders to block vehicle access to the site. Wheeler mentioned when the work is done the trail needs to be re-established. Coakley brought up the bog bridging plan, Wheeler will investigate simple bog bridges for the wettest areas.

Signage replacement: This project is on track to happen when the Park dries out.

Old Business: The land swap with Audubon has been finalized according to Chris.

New Business: none

Next meeting: Oct 10 at 8:30 am