Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES Monday, May 2, 2022, 7:00 pm

Zoom Recording:

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YouTube Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gup6ClHuPZQ

In attendance: Karen Durlach, John Kochinskas, Lucille Langlois, Brian Loffredo, Mike Lageunesse, David Ostrowski, Paul Provost; Town Planner Tyra Penn-Gesek; LyAnn Graff, TLGV; Valerie Clark; Angela Authier

Meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. Lucille moderated. John made a MOTION, seconded by Brian, to accept minutes of April 4, 2022, with date & attendee corrections. All in favor.

Finances: no update; new t-shirt order delivered

## Trail updates:

• John & Logan spent an entire day, Mechanicsville to state line, cutting & moving away downed trees too close to the trail to allow mowing

• Problem ALT area behind condos where erosion has caused a hole that needs fill. Contact DEEP.

• Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 1pm WORK DAY for clearing Air Line of rocks, debris, & trash to facilitate mowing. Meet at East Thompson/New Rds. parking lot 9am to divide into work parties. Priority Sanddam Rd. to Lowell Davis. (Tools: garbage bags, rakes, trimmers) List as Event on Facebook. Contact NEMBA group for volunteers.

• Katlin Larsson completed her Scout Project at the Wilsonville Rd. playground.

• Air Line Train Wreck Park: Quote provided: \$642.40 for installing die-cut vinyl white backing, retaining some see-through area of window for **2 signs**. Additional \$259.20 or less for adding photo (as decal) to back of the **1 sign** (reverse side of entry-way sign near parking area). Karen to run by Joe I./THS.

## **Events:**

• Maker Fair May 7: Recreation Dpt. offered to sell t-shirts. Lucille & Karen will offer to volunteer to help at Rec. table.

• CT Trails Day: Saturday, June 4, 9:30 am John leading a hike on 4.25-mile loop, Orange Trail.

• West Thompson Lake Blain Bridge RIBBON-CUTTING, Friday, April 22: good weather, good turnout, "eagles and swans!" Attended by Sen. Blumenthal & Rep. Courtney.

Suggestions to foster renewed partnership with USACE on events and publicity.

Possible site for Litter League team along lake shore.

• Litter League: kick off dependent on grant funding

• June 1 deadline for Walktober events to get into publication; John posting Tri State Marker hike for 9/25

• Turkey Trot: 2021 check presented to TEEG; Brian working on 2022 letters to past and potential sponsors

## Social Media/PR/maps

• John posting Work Days and meetings under Events on Facebook

## **Equipment:**

• John will get chain sharpened

Future agenda items: Nov. 13, 2022 Turkey Trot; Oct. 1 Community Day; Walktober hike

*Motion & second to adjorn*. Meeting adjourned 8:40 p.m. NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, June 6, 2022, 7:00 p.m.