

Minutes
Rail Trail Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday July 20, 2023- 6:00 PM
Note Location: Carriage House, Endicott Park

Attendees:

RTAC Members: Paul McNulty, Nancy McNulty, Joe Anthony, Charles Lincicum, Mark Jones, Tom Powers, Larry Perreault. Not Present; Scott Bornstein, Matt Duggan

Others: Tyler Berry, Sarah Bornstein, Elaine Cidzik, Bill Graham

Approval of RTAC meeting minutes from June 15, 2023

- Approved the minutes by consent

New Business

Comments from public and RTAC

- No comments

Conservation Committee 7/27 on extension crossing at Maple Street (Mark)

- Mark noted, he was able to attend the 1st meeting on extension crossing. Suggest members attend on 7/27 if they can.
- Next steps, waiting on approval from the Conservation Committee Monday 7/27

Danvers Church of the Nazarene Youth Group offer to volunteer (Paul)

- Paul noted; The manager from Danvers Church of the Nazarene Youth Group has reached out to the RT for any project weeding needs. The manager of the youth group works for Medtronic and has helped RT tremendously.
“The kids are between 11 and 17 years old, more boys than girls. We are a group of around 8 kids and 5 adults that chaperone them. We all would like to be together as a group. We just came back from a conference in Tampa where they helped to remove weeds in a local park. They really enjoyed this work but we don’t have a preference of work or agenda. It can be now for the summer or in the Fall. We meet every second and fourth Saturdays of the month in the afternoon, so it is those Saturdays that would be preferable. We just want to engage the youth in our community and help where we can.” Natane Briceno
- Various beautification projects along .3 in Middleton Town Line location/ possible flower beds along existing trail were discussed.
- Nancy, Elaine, and Charley agree to work with Danvers Church of the Nazarene to figure out appropriate projects, likely this fall. Paul to confirm this with the Danvers Church of the Nazarene. More to follow at next meeting
- Elaine asked how to get DRTAC info in the electric inserts regarding sponsorships. Mark mentioned there is a big lead time but will look into the person at electric that manages it. Mark asked Elaine to put together a draft insert for review.

Current Recent Business

Update from the town - e.g., Pickering crossing, northwest extension, etc. (Tyler)

- Tyler noted;

- His team cleared site lines @ Chestnut and Pickering North Side, cleared shrubs towards shed, addressed poison ivy at the DHS bridge, checked the trail for mowing obstruction, purchased 50' of fencing to stop cars from driving on the trail west of Hobart St, installed donated bench at Maple St north.
- The new mower and tractor will be here in a couple weeks and Tylers team will mow the sidings.
- Extension work is focused on Hobart and Beaver Park crossings, planned for mid-August. Crossing at Maple St requires Conservation Commission and funding approval.

Food Truck and Rest Area at Western Cycle Update (Joe)

- Joe noted good progress on installing benches and tables. However, the next steps regarding food trucks is with Western Cycle.
- Joe and Mark noted that Food Trucks are possible this Fall.

Plan for installing extension signs and new MM decal installations (Paul and Charley)

- Paul and Charley raised some plans for discussion regarding replacing decals and trail entrance signs along the existing trail.
- Paul will send an email for the work parties to replace old decals and signs on the current trail.
- Once the town has installed signposts on the extension, the RTAC will install trail entrance signs.

Adjourn RTAC

- Paul initiated a vote to adjourn RTAC Meeting; All in favor.

Set meeting date and location

- RTAC has agreed to skip our August meeting.
- Next meeting Thursday September 21, 6:00 PM, Carriage House, Endicott Park.