

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of November 5, 2010 Meeting
Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: Henry Cox, George Fardy, Louise Hara, Marc Lamere, Steve Tobin, Kevin Smith, Bert Willard.

Guests: Sylvia Willard, Alan Ankers, Steve Hinton.

Documents Discussed in Agenda:

Drawings for proposed Benfield boardwalk and observation platform presented by Steve Hinton.

Old Business:

Minutes from October 1 meeting:

The minutes were approved as amended.

Spencer Brook Boardwalk and Observation Platform:

Steve Hinton presented what he expected to be the final design for the boardwalk and observation platform on the Spencer Brook CCF property. Because of the tolerance in placing the helical piers, each piece of the boardwalk would have to be cut to fit on site.

Louise raised the question, could the 2x10x10 joists be placed on top of the stringers instead of securing them between the stringers with hangers? This would raise the boardwalk and platform 10 inches above that in the design presented. The benefits would be easier construction, since all pieces could be cut standard dimensions before being hauled to the site, and a much stronger structure. There was a discussion of how to feather the boardwalk to the ground since the piers could not be driven down another 10 inches.

It was agreed by committee members that this suggestion should be adopted during construction.

It was agreed that the materials should be hauled to the site after the ground freezes but before snow arrives.

The Trails Committee will do the framing before asking for volunteers to do the decking.

Banta-Davis Boardwalk:

Henry volunteered to act as liaison between the Trails Committee and RecCom.

O'Rourke Agreement with F&WS:

Steve Tobin will meet with Susan Russo next Friday.

Site Visit to South Street parcel:

Kevin reported the parcel offers a great trail connection between South Street and the Benfield property, provided an easement could be obtained.

BOS meeting on 10/12:

Steve and Henry attended the meeting.

Mushroom Walk:

Steve Tobin reported that even with heavy rain at the beginning, 31 people attended.

Trail Work Days:

Steve Tobin reported he did some trail clearing at Hanover Hill and Graystone on October 17.

New Business:**Trail from Rockstrom to Baldwin Rd:**

We will meet on Sunday 11/7 at 9:00 am, at the Sachs Greenway, with map in hand, to walk the land to assess the feasibility of building a trail connecting the Rockstrom trail to the Sachs Greenway trail.

Boardwalk Bench Designs:

Bert offered to build a sample bench based on his updated design presented at the meeting.

Thanksgiving Walk:

The committee decided to continue with our traditional day-after-Thanksgiving trail walk. We will run the same walk in the state park that we ran last year, since only one non-committee member showed up for that walk due to rain.

Trail Work To Do?

The posts that were placed at the Greenough floating boardwalk need to be pounded in.

The leaning tree at the River Trail boardwalk needs to be removed. A workday to do this was set for Sunday, November 21 at 9:00 am.

Chestnut Estates On Rutland Road:

The developer has placed gravel so the Rangeway Trail can rise up to the Chestnut Lane roadway and ramp down on the other side. The developer has asked what we would like for a ground cover. No decision was made.

The illegally placed deer fence finally has been moved to private property.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Friday, December 3, 2010.