

Buffalo Trails Board

Minutes for the meeting on Oct. 26, 2016

Submitted by Lois Petersen

Meeting was attended by board members: Bill Cooley, Jack Tarter, Lois Petersen, Tara Hall, Mary Fowlkes, and Ryan Mader. Also in attendance were Julia Bettinger, Joe Dyer, and Bill Mentock.

1. Approve agenda
2. Approve minutes from 9/28/16
3. Update – Exercise stations – Julia Bettinger
4. Update – Seasonal Laborer/Grant for 2017
5. Update – South Bi-Pass Road Trail Easement
6. Update – Trails Brochure
7. Update – Vet’s Pasture V-gates
8. AVA walk – June 5, 2017
9. Dog stations
10. Correspondence
11. Comments
12. Set next meeting 1/25/17 – 5 pm City Hall
13. Adjourn

1. Agenda was amended and approved (Jack, Ryan).
2. Minutes of the 9/28/16 meeting were approved as written (Ryan, Tara)
3. Julia Bettinger says all is going well with efforts to develop exercise-related signage for stations along the trail. She will bring drafts in January.
4. As of 10/1/16, expenditures for the Seasonal Laborer and supplies are \$8585. It appears that renewing the grant for \$8000 in 2017 should be about right. The new grant application will need to be completed and turned in to the Rec. Dist. by April 2017. An end of year report will need to be done for this year’s grant.
5. Bill C attended a meeting with Scott Pehringer of JC Road and Bridge as well as Les Hook, a school rep., and Bill Novotny to review companies interested in engineering a trail to be installed along the west side of South By-Pass Road. They chose Nelson Engineering for the job. The proposed trail will connect Hart to Main St., but Bill Cooley suggested they try to extend it to the HS in order to increase safety to students on bikes or on foot. The planned surface is concrete.
6. Unless someone sees changes needed to the text portions of the proposed update to the Trails Brochure, that portion is pretty much done. Joe Dyer would like us to make corrections to the mileage chart as needed and then work with him when time permits to complete any other changes. We could then test how it would print at The Office. He will be sure to note the water and bathroom facilities at Mosier Gulch Picnic Area. There should also be a restroom sign along the main trail showing a short trip up to the picnic area would provide water and bathroom facilities. Joe also thought we should talk to BLM about upgrading the water pump to make it easier to use. He has also worked on the new natural surface trail between Mosier Gulch and Grouse Mountain Trail. He can still use extra help in trail construction on Sunday mornings. He notes that the new trail is already being used by walkers and fishing enthusiasts, but a small sign pointing to it would help make people aware of it. This new trail as well as the by-pass trail should also be added to the map and noted in the text portion of the new trails brochure.
7. Lois spoke with Bruce Allison (Supt of Vet’s Home) who said he has no problem with us replacing V-gates with swing gates as long as the gates have springs to assure they close automatically. He would like the plans to be shared with him prior to installation. Ryan will work with MTR to come up with a plan and costs to us for the two gates.
8. Lois is still having trouble locating a large bus to use for the AVA event in June 2017. Jack suggested asking an insurance agent to underwrite a short term liability policy so liability would not be an issue. Ryan also mentioned Sheridan County School District #2 Transportation.
9. Tara will send back the sample dog waste dispenser we ordered earlier and talk with the company about sending one that will hold the boxed doggie bags we now use. Lois noted that we either need to use bungie cords or bigger bags in the wooden trash containers as the bags keep slipping down leaving deposited dog waste bags on top, but not in the intended trash bags. Ryan will purchase and submit a bill to the Trails Board for larger bags that better fit the wooden trash stations along the Greenbelt and Centennial Trails. We also need to check with Zach Byron at Lake DeSmet Cons. Dist. about ordering more small boxes of dog waste bags.
10. A thank you letter was sent to Gizella Goyak for the donation she made to the BTB last month.
11. No comments.
12. Next meeting will be on 1/25/17 at 5 pm at the City Hall.