

-Buffalo Trails Board

Minutes for the meeting on June 28, 2017

Submitted by Lois Petersen

Meeting was attended by board members: Bill Cooley, Jack Tarter, Lois Petersen, Ed VonHolst, Mary Fowlkes, Ryan Mader, Dan Hart. Also in attendance: Greg Hill, Bill Mentock

1. Approve agenda
2. Approve minutes from 5/2/17
3. Introduce new Board member -Ed VonHolst
4. Seasonal Laborer report
5. Update – Trails Brochure/Maps
6. Signage replacement - planning committee
7. Trash in Centennial Trail - Mary Fowlkes
8. Update – Weed Patrol – Mary Fowlkes
9. Update - By-Pass easement trail - Mary Fowlkes
10. Update - AVA walk – June 5, 2017
11. Update - Heritage Park access road
12. Eva Knepper - maintenance concerns
13. Update – V-gate, built by school possibility
14. Dog stations
15. Correspondence
16. Comments
17. Set next meeting 7/26/17– 5 pm City Hall
18. Adjourn

1. Agenda was approved as amended to include item #7 – Mary, Ryan
2. Minutes of the 5/2/17 meeting were approved as written – Mary, Ryan
3. Ed VanHolst was introduced and welcomed as our new (and returning) Board member.
4. Due to so much rain, line trimming the trails has occupied a great deal of Greg's time. Fallen trees have also been cut up and water on trails is taking time to divert. Fall may be good for more work on painting kiosks.
5. The new trails brochures have been printed and are at the Chamber and are ready for distribution.
6. Lois asked for other BTB members to help with signage project. Mary will contact ABC Signs in Sheridan, Ed will talk with Tana Parker here in town. Lois will check with the UPS Store. We'll compare bid proposals.
7. Mary researched possible causes of excess trash on Centennial Trail. A trailer court owned by Geoffry Spiering has a dumpster that was overflowing and had no lid. Mary was told by law enforcement that there is a fine for litter around the community. She suggests the Board send a letter to Mr. Spiering asking for monitoring of the dumpsters and a way to secure the lid. She also suggested a letter be sent to the Board of Realtors asking them to pick up trash on a monthly basis especially when our seasonal laborer is not employed. Further, it would help to have photos documenting the problem. Dan noted that kids from the trailer park also play along there and sometimes cause problems (bench fire.) Also, fast food places are near there and the wind can carry their trash to the area.
8. Mary borrowed a spot sprayer to use in weed control. She sprayed weeds along several trails and found the sprayer easy and effective to use. The same sprayer can be purchased for \$150 but, if we can't find it here in town, shipping would add considerable cost. Mary made a motion to purchase the 25 gallon sprayer if we can get it at around \$150. Lois seconded the motion and it passed. Greg will check around here to see if the unit is available locally. We should also take the free spraying workshop offered by Weed and Pest.
9. Nelson Engineering should have their design of the easement trail along South By-Pass done by the end of this month. Next, grant money will be sought and he plan will then be sent out to companies to bid on the construction.
10. The AVA walk went well with @400 doing the June 5 event and many also doing the other AVA walks in town.
11. Road and Bridge did a great job of fixing the access road leading to Heritage Park - no huge water bars now.
12. We need to determine what entity is responsible for upkeep of Eva Knepper Park. Greg did a lot there recently, but is it a neighborhood, City, or BTB responsibility? Phil Gonzales may have info on this.
13. We decided to wait until fall when the school construction class can build the gates to replace the Vet's Home v-gates. Greg will work with the school so they know what is needed.
14. New dog waste stations are installed and working well.
15. No correspondence.
16. Bill Mentock mentioned DJ (970 691-4575) would like to volunteer for trail work. Greg will follow up with a phone call to him. Bill also thinks major re-construction is needed on the Cold Springs trail access and that a bridge would be nice near Mosier Gulch where that tributary is getting hard to jump across. Last, the pump at Mosier needs work. Greg will stop in to BLM office to check on this. Bill Cooley announced his intention to move to CO which means his tenure as chair of the Buffalo Trails Board is soon coming to an end. He will be greatly missed.
17. Next meeting is on 7/26/17 at 5 pm at the City Hall.