

Buffalo Trails Board

Minutes for the meeting on August 24, 2016

Submitted by Lois Petersen

Meeting was attended by board members: Bill Cooley, Jack Tarter, Lois Petersen, Russ Humphrey (new City Council Liaison to the BTB), Mike Engling, Tara Hall, Mary Fowlkes, and Ryan Mader. Also in attendance was Greg Hill, seasonal trail laborer for 2016 and Joe Dyer, from NRCS, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

1. Approve agenda
2. Approve minutes from 8/3/16
3. Update – Seasonal Laborer
4. Update – Shiloh Trail culvert and re-gravel
5. Update – Trails Brochure
6. Update – USFS agreement
7. Update – V-gate
8. Update – slash pile just past Vet’s Home Pasture
9. Dog stations
10. Correspondence
11. Comments
12. Set next meeting 9/28/16 – 5 pm City Hall
13. Adjourn

1. Agenda was approved as written (Jack, Ryan). Russ Humphrey was introduced and welcomed to the Board.
2. Minutes of the 8/3/16 meeting were approved as written (Jack, Tara)
3. Greg Hill reported the work he’s done on the trail system including painting of the Cedar St. Trail Head sign to remedy rusting; he wants to paint one more this fall so we can gauge how well the painted kiosks wear over the winter. Greg will complete his work and restock the dog waste dispensers soon. The BTB members will reassume responsibility for the dog stations starting Sept. 15. He is willing to work again for us this fall if needed should we have limbs down or some trail emergency. Lois will check with Julie S. to see if we have to advertise the Seasonal Laborer position this year since Greg would like to keep the position next year and since the Board would like that too. He shared plan for making the bridge just after the Vet’s Pasture V-gate safer for bikers and will do that repair next week. The Board was unanimous in thanking Greg for his excellent and diligent work on the trails this year. He suggested that the position begin again in April to get a head start on trail maintenance and signage painting.
4. No update on Shiloh culvert.
5. Lois shared that we have no commitment to RDG regarding the production of the Clear Creek Trails brochure, so she suggested that it be done “in house,” which will save a lot of money. With Joe Dyer willing to update the map section and Lois willing to do the text and picture portions on Publisher, we can do the printing at The Office and then update it easily to reflect new or altered trails. Joe Dyer showed the work he’s done so far on re-creating the map section. He has digitized all of the points on the map, has added features that can be identified along the trails, and asked input on what other elements we would like to see added and identified on the map – i.e. Chamber of Commerce, Library, Courthouse, community pool, Heritage Park cabin, etc. He can also add longitudes and latitudes to the map with no trouble. He has obtained accurate measures of all the trail segments as well. He will do a couple of sample map designs and then share them with us via email before the Sept. meeting. The leash law inset can be deleted and page design can be changed to make room for the Grouse Mountain Trail inset. He will give us the entire database to facilitate any needed changes in the future. He also shared that the State of WY has started a program to put Iraqi Veterans to work building trails. We need to ask the Veteran’s Commission about this because this type of work group could be very helpful in constructing trails here in Buffalo.
6. Bill will contact Brian Boden to confirm that this USFS agreement has been completed.
7. No update on V-gate.
8. No update on slash pile – we need to contact Laurie at Vet’s Home to make an appt. for us with Bruce Allison, Supt.
9. Tara will talk to Julie Silbernagel about returning the sample dog waste station and will contact the supplier about sending us a different dispenser that will hold the rolls of bags used in our current dispensers. She will also see what the price difference is if we don’t also need the posts.
10. No correspondence.
11. No comments.
12. Next meeting will be on 9/28/16 at 5 pm at the City Hall.