CCPC Minutes 05-23-2024

Members present: Bob Franzen, Jacob Bodway, Steve Sandberg, Bob Dando, Dottie Lauricello, Martha Anderson, Tom Erlandson

Guests: Jamie Reynolds, Pat Smith, Emma Cook, Dan McCanna, Bob Scudder

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm at the conference room at Chautauqua County airport. The minutes had been emailed to all- no corrections noted, Bob D motioned to accept, Steve seconded, and it carried.

Dan McCanna has completed the paperwork for becoming a Parks Commissioner and handed it in. It will go to the Legislature for approval and appointment.

Jamie presented the Operations report.

Both Erlandson and Luensman Parks are now open.

Mowing at Erlandson was discussed – the swale, bird nesting areas and trail to gatekeeper. Also, the water is off and has not been tested so will remain off for a wedding this coming weekend.

The bridge at Harris Hill materials are onsite and work will begin soon. The old bridge and trail have been graded, blocked and permanently closed.

The timber sale at Luensman Park has been postponed indefinitely after the walk and discussion at the park with CCPC, Bruce Robinson, CCDPF and the Luensman friends' group. The view-scape trees will be removed in winter, The bathroom roof replacement is complete and interior work will begin there. Several commission members and DPF personnel did a walk at the newly purchased Arkwright 41 acres. Options for a new trail and reroute of the existing trail were discussed. The trail to the lean-to is in bad shape and dangerous. The talks about property near the falls is ongoing and an assessment of the property will be obtained.

The dirt and soil have been removed at the new Eggleston Hill parking area. Until the communications company relocates the fiberoptic line progress has been placed on hold.

Potential trail closures were discussed. The North Hill Rd property and lean-to area will be closed- dirt will be placed in the driveway to prevent driving into the area. Tarbox Rd lean-to area and trail will be temporarily closed until a re-route can be placed there. Westside Overland between Bates and Sherman-Steadman Rd. will be closed temporarily(and the neighboring Amish have put up a closed sign there) until the area can be repaired.

Discussion was held on the Springbrook Road property, and purchase of new lands but further legislative help and changes are needed to proceed with sale and purchase of reforestation properties. For the June meeting Bob requested a list be created of what all needs to be done on the tarils and parks. Pat did speak about issues and needs he knows of at the present: lean-tos, trails, walkways, bridges, island launch and lean-to, waterway launches.

Tom asked for a listing of the monies that have been received and what they have been used for. Jacob said he would compile a list and get it to all.

Jacob presented a map of the proposed Boutwell Hill trail rehabilitation and where areas of concern are. He has applied for more grant funding.

Our next meeting will take place at Luensman Park at 4:00 pm on June 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18.

MA.