

Carlisle Trails Committee
Report of September 10, 2010 Meeting
Bert Willard, Secretary

Attendance: Henry Cox, Marc Lamere, Kevin Smith, Steve Tobin, Bert Willard.
Guest: Steve Hinton.

Documents Discussed in Agenda:

Drawings for Spencer Brook Observation Platform.

Old Business:

Minutes from August 6 meeting:

The minutes were approved as amended.

Spencer Brook Boardwalk and Observation Platform:

Kevin reported visiting the site with Doug Harris and Jonathan Perry on August 31. They requested that the platform be round or oval.

Steve Hinton reported the filing with Conscom defines a platform of 180 square feet maximum area with a 4x4 kick rail. It was agreed unanimously that the platform would be elliptical in shape, and Steve will work out the most pleasing proportions. Steve volunteered the use of one bay of his garage to lay out and cut the elliptical parts. The elliptical shape will need to be approved by Conscom.

Curved benches matching the curved elliptical platform will serve as the railing.

Steve expects the helical posts to be installed this fall and the boardwalk to be added later this fall. The platform would be built in the winter or possibly the following winter.

Banta-Davis Boardwalk:

Kevin offered to draft a letter to RecCom explaining our two options for a boardwalk. One would be mounted on helical piers and high enough to stay above high water caused by beavers, at an estimated cost of \$80K. The second would be 6 or 8 feet wide with hand rails and 2x12 joists, and extra risers on the bumpers to keep the decking out of the water, at least part of the time.

CCF Celebration 9/26:

We will have a table under the tent from 3:00 to 5:30 and sell the new Trail Book.

Steve will lead a walk of Miriam's Loop and Twin Peaks Trail, starting at 12:00. At 2:00 he will lead a second walk, this time to the site of the Spencer Brook platform.

Web Site Changes:

Kevin showed a print out from the website explaining how to click on the town-wide map to open separate maps. He will put these up on the website.

New Business:

On Saturday, 9/18, Steve, Kevin, and Henry will attempt to move two oak logs

across the outlet to the vernal pool on the Twin Peaks Trail using ropes and a Come-Along. They will cut the tops flat for secure crossing.

The rope on the Tobin Bridge is broken and needs replacing.

There is a large tree leaning seriously next to the Greenough boardwalk and if it falls over it is expected to take out several deck boards. There was a discussion of what to do.

Schedule next meeting:

The next meeting was set for Friday, October 1, 2010.