

Carlisle Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2018
Alan Ankers, Secretary

Attendance: Alan Ankers, Louise Hara, Roy Herold, Marc Lamere, Warren Spence, Steve Tobin
Guests: Sylvia Willard, Bert Willard, Alan French, Lawrence Ullman, Merle Cosgrove, John Lee, Annette Lee, Tracey Stout, Lawrence Stout, Kelly Umstott, Tao Tang, Hsutung Pu, Fei Huang, Larry Babine, Mahreen Hoda.

Documents Received:

“Proposed Process Input” by Tracey Stout.

Old Business:

Meeting Minutes:

Previous meeting minutes were not reviewed.

Oak Knoll / Mannis Land:

Marc reported that the Committee had received a formal petition, dated April 16, signed by 49 residents of the Oak Knoll neighborhood, opposing trail development across the Mannis Land into their neighborhood and asking “the Committee to forego any further trail development on the Mannis Land, including all assessments, testing and studies that are the precursors to trail construction.” The petition has been placed in ConsCom’s Mannis Land file since the Trails Committee does not have any document files.

Marc suggested that the Committee could not meet this request, because it is their responsibility to do such things as assessments for future trail development.

A **motion** to respond that the Committee could not meet the request of the petition was passed unanimously.

Marc went on to note that Jonathan DeKock and Jim Gettys, who had initially proposed the trail, had decided to no longer pursue it at this time. Marc suggested that with little interest and no official access, it did not make sense to continue work on a potential trail at this time, though circumstances could change in the future with more development on the western side of the Mannis Land. Alan noted that, without formal legal access from Oak Knoll, any proposed trails on the Mannis Land should be evaluated solely based on access from the west side. All agreed that it was best to table this work for now, while keeping open the option of revisiting it in the future.

A **motion** to remove the Oak Knoll / Mannis Land trail from future agendas, and commit to notifying the neighbors if it was to be brought up again, passed unanimously.

Tracey Stout provided the Committee with a “Proposed Process Input” including suggestions for future trail planning procedures, which she had prepared at Marc’s suggestion.

Trail Book Update:

Louise presented a final draft, incorporating everybody’s recent input. The Committee spent a considerable time carrying out a final review of each page. Louise reported that the final version would be ready for sending to the printer on Monday (June 4), and available for sale at Old Home Day on June 23.

Rodgers Road Trail:

Marc reported that the new easement document has been signed by Mr. Cunningham.

Benches:

Roy reported that he has purchased the hardware for the new benches.

New Business:**Bay Circuit Trail:**

Al French, now in retirement, presented information on the Bay Circuit Trail and the involvement of volunteers. He noted that they are now encouraging trails to connect with the BCT. He mentioned that Dan and Marilyn Brielman have prepared a video presentation that they have been showing at libraries around the area. The committee enthusiastically welcomed the possibility of such a presentation in Carlisle in the fall; Alan will work out the details with Dan and Marilyn.

Committee Nominations:

Warren, Marc and Henry have terms expiring. The Committee voted unanimously to nominate all three for another term.

The Committee elected the following slate of officers for 2018-19:

Chair – Steve Tobin

Vice-chair – Marc Lamere

Secretary – Alan Ankers

Clerk – Louise Hara

(Note: a vote to re-elect Marc Lamere as Treasurer was inadvertently omitted.)

Recent Trail Work:

New deck boards were cut from new lumber delivered to Henry's house on May 11, and taken to the storage barn.

On May 25, 16 High school seniors worked with Warren and Roy to clear the field edges at the Towle Land, as part of the their "Prifti Day of Service."

Steve used 10 of the new deck boards to repair a damaged boardwalk on the Rockstrom Trail.

Jonathan DeKock and Guy Seeley cleared some large trees from the southern portion of the River Trail.

Ferns:

Marc noted that the ownership of Ferns Country Store was changing. The Committee agreed to formally thank Larry Bearfield and Robin Emerson for their help and support over the years in selling trail books, and to give them a copy of the new book as a token gift.

Marc also agreed to talk to the new owners to confirm that they would continue to sell the trail books.

Future Activities:

A general work day was scheduled for June 10, meeting at Town Hall at 9 A.M., providing High School students with an opportunity to earn Community Service Credits.

Riverfest Walk: June 16

Old Home Day (booth): June 23

Double Sundae Sunday Saunter: June 24

Schedule Next Meeting:

With the first week in July being in a holiday period, the next meeting was scheduled for June 29.