

Pondicherry Park Stewardship Committee
June 25, 2015

Present: Adam Perron, Jon Evans, Allan Erler, Brian Cushing, Leigh Hayes
Unable to attend: Bernie King, Bob Peabody, Dan Edwards

Meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of April Meeting: Approved as written

Brochure Printing Update: Committee pleased. How does LEA get more?

Accessibility Sign Review:

Intention to create laminated signs making park users aware of accessibility for aid-devices, such as wheelchairs. Have accessed trails—none currently suitable for wheeled vehicles. Need to make river trail accessible and then clarify language about what “wheeled vehicle” means. Motion made by Perron to create sign for each of four kiosks: Include town logo. This trail not suitable for wheeled mobility devices. Motion Passed.

In future language: wheeled mobility devices, or other-powered mobility devices.

Law Enforcement bicycle use:

Bikes not allowed in easement, but town reserves right to create a bike loop on dog loop. Emergency response or a washed out bridge that requires the bobcat or other machinery—allowed. Police foot patrol is what committee recommends.

Field mowing and maintenance:

1. Trail width section—trails not to exceed 10 feet.
2. Committee members will pick three work days—spring/summer/fall to do trail work
3. Will look for other community groups to adopt trail.
4. Access to field for mowing may change since Nina Keene has passed away. Possibly use the trail near Everlast Roofing. Trail may need to be altered within 10 feet to get mower to field.
5. Jon will meet with Jim Kidder to follow up on these issues.

Village Folk Festival booth/tour ideas—August 21-22:

Park info booth; offer a few scheduled walks between 1 and 3pm

Leigh will write invite to LEA & LEIT members, selectmen and town manager asking them to participate—give specific times and numbers of people

Other:

1. Storybook Trail approved by selectman. It has been installed.
2. BikeMaine 2015—in Bridgton on Monday, September 14. 3-400 bikers and support people. Committee will offer guided walks (movie and popcorn if bad weather, possible source: Maine classic film)
3. Parking symbol for chiro’s office still on kiosks. Maps fading—Motion made by Adam to reprint kiosks maps with deletion of parking at chiropractor’s office and addition of Maine Lake Science Center. Second by Brian. All approved.

4. Adam elected to Harrison Planning Board, therefore resigning from committee effective at end of August. Need to find new LEA alternate (Leigh will replace Adam as LEA designate), chair, town designate. Leigh will contact three potential candidates.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Macmillen Hayes for Bernie King, clerk