HEATH PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

Parks & Rec Meeting, Saturday October 17, 2020

Committee Meeting 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Kiosk Building and Trail Clearing 1:30 – 3:30 PM

MEETING ON-SITE AT THE TRAILHEAD FOR THE NEW BURNT HILL-CATAMOUNT TRAIL (Flagg Hill Road).

Committee Members in attendance: Kate Peppard (chair), Michael Cucciara, Jenna Day, Shahid Jalil

1) Trail Woodlands Partnership Grant (Project Lead: Mike Cucciara)
   a. Updates from project lead (Mike)
   b. Trail Maps (action: Mike)
   c. Kiosk built during the meeting

2) Gym Equipment
   a. Jacobs Road Gym Inventory (LYRA)
   b. Yoga Mat sale update (Kate)

3) Maintenance
   a. Basketball court (JENNA)
   b. Picnic Tables (JENNA) – Spring 2021
      i. To acquire metal tables from MASSCOR
      ii. for basketball court area around new trail info kiosk
      iii. for BHC trail

4) Potential Socially Distant Activities (Shahid)
   a. Bike Parade at Fairgrounds: looking for new location, event is TBD
   b. Ski race: may do a virtual or self-timed course
   c. Fun Run: looking to Heath Fair 2021 and/or virtual options

5) BIG PICTURE GROUP OBJECTIVES FOR 2020
   a. DOT grant for small city improvements – objective would be to improve the area behind the basketball court, edgeless woodchips
   b. Burnt Hill – Catatmount Trail Development (Actions: Mike, Jenna): maps additional markers, set aside funding for trail promotion
   c. Water Access for Swimming – ongoing (Action: Kate)
   d. Get to Know Your Woods:
      i. Trail Cleanup Days: develop trail cleanup agenda based on Art’s list
      ii. Trail Maps (Kate & Jenna)
      iii. Trail use promotion day (cider, coffee, donuts)
   e. On-Going Maintenance of Basketball Court, pollinator garden, town common (Jenna)
   f. Shapiro Land– Develop next steps for land management (Mike); need a new name for the tract

6) Committee Logistics:
Meetings going forward:
  ▪ Second Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:00 PM via Zoom
  ▪ Will meet every other month with email check-ins in between, and additional meetings as necessary.
  ▪ Meeting Dates: November 11, January 13, March 10, May 12, July 14, September 8, November 10.

Parks and Rec charter:
  ▪ We want to clarify the committee’s role and responsibilities.
  ▪ Kate to get the charter language and we will see about updating it as necessary.

Parks & Rec chair:
  ▪ Kate has been acting as interim chair and has offered to continue in the role, but would like to open the position to an election for a year term.
    Nominations welcome. Term will begin January 1, 2021.

Additional membership:
  ▪ Bobby Honeycutt is stepping down so we have room for another member. Joe Mason has expressed interest. Jenna will follow up with Nina.