

TOWN OF GANANOQUE

TRAILS & URBAN FOREST COMMITTEE MINUTES
For September 04, 2013

Held at Public Works Boardroom at 9:00 AM

Present: Peter Murray (Chair), John MacLeod, John Cornish, Ray Wilson, Doug Bickerton (Sec), Jim Garrah, Joe Watkins and Bill Sheppard.

Absent: Rick Dunn

STATEMENT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND THE NATURE THEREOF: NONE

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by: Jim G and seconded by: Doug B.
That the minute of the July 24th meeting be approved. Carried.

Trails:

1. The **new brochure** is ready to print. Pam Staples is looking after printing 5000 copies on high quality paper at \$621.00.
2. **Trails Open:** Peter: We are committed to 4 hikes on September 28th and 29th. They will be at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm each day.
 - Peter will lead both afternoon hikes.
 - Doug will lead the 11:00 am hike on Saturday on the Lions Loop.
 - John M will lead the 11:00 am hike on Sunday on the Lions Loop.
 - Table: Jim on Saturday 9:00 AM to Noon and Bill on Sunday 9:00 am to Noon.
 - Bill will arrange the table, the "Door" from the Playhouse and a sandwich board.
3. J.C.P. Work Crew: John MacLeod:
 - Work Crew is now in service.
 - We need some trail trimming, chips in Grasshopper Park and opening up of the River Loop for a better view of the Gananoque River.
 - We also need to cut some honeysuckle on the Hampton and Rogers sections of the Trail and to replace the 6" drain tile with some additional ditching on the Rogers section.
 - Jim and John will coordinate the trail work.

4. We should create a 5 and 10 year plan for the perpetuation of the Trails. This is a job for the winter.

5. Other trail work we should do:

John C suggests:

– The sign at James Brennan Road needs to be moved out to the road, as the foliage has grown.

– The sign at the Rec Centre needs to have a header sign to read "Gananoque Trail".

– A sign is needed at the top of Herbert Street to direct people down the trail into the woods.

– We need a larger sign at the end of Carmichael Road to identify the Trail there.

Doug B suggests:

– That we should ask Pam Staples to help with the design of a sign near the Dog Park on River Street to identify the Canoe / Kayak launch dock. Sue Smith agrees that a sign there would be OK. We should also have a sign at the parking area, "Parking for Dog Park and Canoe/ Kayak Launch", or something to that effect.

6. King Street Rail Bridge Platform: Bill: The design for the handicapped access at the Rail Bridge viewing platform will cost about \$1000 for the engineering only.

Motion:

Moved by: Bill S and Seconded by: Joe W:

That we engage Bob Wright to design a viewing platform to enable mobility impaired citizens to access the view down the Gananoque River from the King Street steel rail bridge. This design to be held to a maximum of \$1000. **Carried.**

7. Codie Newman, a GISS student, has asked to do a project, for the Trails, of a design and build nature as an element of his US Eagle Scout Award.

– Picture Mounts on the Rail Bridge, to display old photos of the area.

– Build and install a picnic table, at a site to be determined, using existing steel frames.

Peter and Doug to handle this.

8. Ray Wilson asked if a geocache could be placed on the Wild Wood Trail. We approved the placement. This will help make the trail better known.

Trees:

1. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB): We have a list of candidate trees for the injection of Treeazin. Now we need to report to Town Council our plan to deal with the larger local ash trees in town, both public and private.
 - We need information as to what the CRCA, Kingston, Brockville and Ottawa are doing and whether we can save money by working with them. We must also look into what, if anything can be done to save some of our smaller and otherwise healthy ash trees.
 - We'll try for the October 1st Council Meeting for our report.
2. Memorial Tree Program:

We currently have 4 memorial trees by 4 local families. We will try to add to this.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2013, 9:00 am at the Works Dept. boardroom.

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