



PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

**PTAB Meeting Minutes 7/29/20 (via Zoom)**

**Meeting Commenced - 6:00 pm**

**Present:** Tyler Merriam, Jamie Konkoski, Ashley Milne, Jimmy Cunningham, Ezra Schwarzberg, Dwight Stevenson, Lindy Ellis

Rich Shapiro Ex-Officio

**Absent:** Steve Langdon, Sara Roth, Colleen O’Neil

**1. Public Comment**

- Saranac Lake resident Fred Balzac commented in support of the village Community Enhancement projects, being organized by PTAB, DAB and ACAB.

**2. Approve May Meeting Minutes**

- Dwight made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes, Ashley seconded - unanimous.

**3. Old Business**

- Baker Mountain sub-committee: Tyler reached out to Seth Jones from the Adirondack Mountain Club, who stressed simplicity with any signage ideas. Jamie reached out to NYSDEC regarding a volunteer stewardship program. PTAB members support the idea of teaming up with the Adirondack Mountain Club to assist in educating the public as well as users of the Baker Mountain trail.
- Lindy and Rich discussed some of the upcoming challenges with widening the shoulder on Old Lake Colby Rd. Lindy will make recommendations to highway superintendent via letter from PTAB. Group agreed that painting “fog lines” is a great ‘first step’.
- PTAB members agreed to cancel the following events due to COVID-19 social distancing mandates: Arbor Day, Community Bike Ride.
- Action Plan update: Ezra volunteered to look into Google Maps for the parks in the village; wayfinding sponsorships need to be replaced/updated – Lindy will follow up with Can Am Rugby about renewing. Prioritize sign at Dewey. Revisit other sponsorships in September.

**4. New Business**

- Community Development Updates: Streetscapes projects in Riverside and Prescott Park are being proposed for LWRP funding. PTAB Members support the idea of focusing on landscaping and adding more seating to these parks. Request for Proposals to design and construct DRI projects was released. 2 members from PTAB are needed to serve on the project advisory committee.
- Public Comment: Saranac Lake resident Fred Balzac asked if there was any interest in developing a dog park in the village. Jamie mentioned that a location for a dog park is not identified in the Park Vision Plan.

- DAB update: Picnic SL initiative announced via editorial. PTAB members are in support of this project.
- ACAB update: raining poetry, mosaic art and fundraising strategies are in progress.
- Rich and Lindy noted changes to the Skatepark hours. Lights will now be on a half hour later on Fridays and Sundays.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:30pm