



PARKS AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

PTAB Meeting Minutes 12/16/20 (via Zoom)

Meeting Commenced - 6:00 pm

Present: Jamie Konkoski, Jimmy Cunningham, Ezra Schwartzberg, Dwight Stevenson, Lindy Ellis, Sara Roth, Steve Langdon, Colleen O'Neill, Tyler Merriam, Ashley Milne, Josh Wilson

Guests: Rich Shapiro (Ex-Officio), Andy Testo

1. Approve November Meeting Minutes

- Steve made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes, Jimmy seconded - unanimous.

2. Old Business

- Baker Mountain sub-committee: Jamie reached out to NYSDEC regarding a trailhead education signage, received no response as of 12/16. Jimmy, Sara, Steve, and Jamie will continue to work on this project.
- Action Plan updates: Ezra plans to work with Andy Testo and the Saranac Lake Post Office to facilitate Google Map name changes to village parks.
- Wayfinding: Jamie updated the group on current budget for maps. Several need updating. ADK Pet Hospital and Paul Smiths College need to re-up their sponsorships. PTAB members decided that the Herb Garden would be the most effective location for a new wayfinding sign. Dewey Mountain was a second location for possible wayfinding signs – Josh will check with the Dewey Mountain crew to see if this makes sense, considering the current signage for bike and ski trails.
- Pump track update: Josh held a meeting on 11/4 to begin discussions on designs. More to follow in 2021.
- Community Enhancement: this subcommittee continues to work on organizing the “Bug Crawl” project; Larry Robjent has continued to work on the bugs and update the group with photos of the bugs, as they are being constructed.
- Andy Testo introduced himself to PTAB and gave a quick update on the opening plan for Mount Pisgah (COVID-19 policies and hours of operation). He also reached out for possible support from PTAB members to recruit volunteers to help with various duties on the ski hill this season.

3. New Business

- Community Development Update: the village is looking for a local artist to assist in creating a new mural on the wall near Ward Plumadore Park. More to follow in 2021.
- Josh Wilson provided an update of all BETA projects (Pisgah, trail construction, signage improvements, “Fowlers Crossing” trail updates, adopting Fish Creek and Floodwood Road Trails for mountain biking improvements.
- Jamie provided Smart Growth Grant updates.
- Rich Shapiro provided updates for the Rail Trail.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm