



Park Operations Meeting
September 23, 2022

Call to order: The meeting was held at the Park Office. Mr. Deluca called the meeting to order at 10 am.

Roll Call: Mr. Deluca, Ms. Apidone, Ms. McGinty

Also in attendance: Park Director John Piepsny, RJRD Board Chair Anita Gantner, RHP Volunteer Coordinator Susan Czaplicki, and 2 attendees.

Work Session

Lodge - Next Project:

Mr. Piepsny discussed asphalt replacement in front of The Lodge. He would prefer something nice like stamped concrete. Mr. Piepsny also discussed Lodge kitchen window replacement.

Upper Dam Bridge:

Mr. Deluca discussed a temporary solution for the Upper Lake Dam bridge walkway which would consist of fabric under rubber matting with holes. Ms. McGinty stated it was a good idea and a good investment for hikers and dog walkers. The committee agreed to move forward with the temporary solution.

Eagle Scout Projects:

Ms. Czaplicki reported on upcoming Eagle Scout projects. Discussion regarding meaningful scout projects.

Trails and Signs:

Mr. Deluca stated the park is still waiting on a trail plan from Andrea Irland. Ms. Apidone stated we should get rid of the wooden Girl Scout signs. Discussion regarding park colors and using symbols for trail markers. Mr. Piepsny suggested waiting on signage until the strategic plan is completed.

Ms. Apidone discussed a new entrance sign and suggested we concentrate on safety at the park.

Fences:

Mr. Deluca discussed safety concerns about people getting into the park and walking around at all hours. Discussion regarding the deer population in the park. Mr. Deluca and Mr. Piepsny will review areas to repurpose fencing to cover holes in the exterior fence. Ms. McGinty inquired if grant funding is available for deer enclosures and suggested asking the Friends for funding.

New Business

Entrance drive at The Lodge – discussion earlier in the meeting.

Ms. McGinty discussed alternate latrine cleaning options and the need to power wash the latrines regularly. Discussion regarding best methods to power wash. Mr. Piepsny will discuss power washing with the latrine group. Discussion regarding the public using the Lodge restrooms when the building is not in use.

Ms. McGinty expressed safety concerns that the Lodge firepit is too deep and too wide and suggested getting a portable fire pit.

Ms. McGinty inquired when Hickory Hill Shelter would be removed. Mr. Deluca stated the power has already been cut at Hickory Hill.

Ms. McGinty inquired about a donation box at a trailhead or kiosk.

Ms. McGinty inquired about camera footage from an incident at the park. Mr. Deluca stated the footage was lost.

Discussion regarding the number and locations of cameras in the park.

Mr. Deluca stated North Star and Gannet Fleming are assessing the leak under the Mill.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

MOTION by: Ms. McGinty and seconded by Ms. Apidone to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 am.

MOTION PASSED: The vote was taken by voice, which was unanimous

Submitted: Susan M Czaplicki
Susan Czaplicki, Volunteer Coordinator

Accepted by: Jeff Deluca
Jeff Deluca, Park Operations Chair