

Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee January 20, 2016

Present: Kelly Stewart, John Antoski, Rick Reynolds, Devon Riggolino, Cliff Sampson, Sondi Smith, Mary Alice Nyhan, Mike Lonergan, Mike Allocco, Katie Whittemore, additional community members

The following is an outline of topics discussed:

1. PARKING LOT:

Decide how big, where, who will do what and when. Discuss surface options with Joe Whalen. Need approval from Saratoga PLAN.

2. TRAILS:

Mike Gaige has a proposed trail lay out. Work with PLAN stewardship committee (Mary Alice Nyhan) to determine how and when trails will be set out.

3. SECURITY:

Secure archeological sites per Rick Reynolds. Secure well hazards. Post signs warning of hazards and limited uses. Post on website.

4. REGULATIONS:

Committee to develop rules and regulations for park use. Will look to regs from area parks of similar use and size.

5. MAINTENANCE STRUCTURE/FACILITIES:

Discuss potential building to house materials/storage. Discuss restroom facilities.

6. ARCHEOLOGY DIG:

July program planned with state archeologist. Work with Rick on organizing, publicity, volunteers and site development. Work on plan for site post-dig.

7. PICNIC AREA:

Discuss possible site for picnic area, clearing and construction of seating.

8. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Potential projects for scout and school groups. Benches, clean up, signs, work days.

Develop contact people in key organizations; Scouts

9. OVERALL PLAN

Develop a long range plan for the park. (Projects, uses, governance, financing)

A general overview of the park and the conservation easement governing its development was given. A formal committee will be appointed at the February board meeting. The first steps for the committee will be to survey the public about the park and to develop a master plan.

Next meeting is February 17 at 7pm.