

March 23, 2016

The parks committee met on March 23rd. We separated into two groups and worked on a town-wide survey of park interests and infrastructure needs. Committee-member Mike Allocco is working on putting together that material. We will consult former members of the land conservancy members and library board regarding how they conducted their surveys. The second group worked on a proposal for a parking lot and repairs and reconstruction of the bridges. Bill Hagan provided a draft drawing of the parking area. It is for 20 cars with a turn-around area and a space for a kiosk and bike rack. The county has approved the proposed curb cuts. The committee will file a request with PLAN. We need to arrange for a transfer of funds for the project. Mr. Hagan also had a proposal to repair the smaller bridge based upon work the scouts had done in Onderdonk park. The committee will request the expenditure of \$500 for materials and the scouts will do the work as part of a community service project. The second bridge is larger and may require a different design. We need to complete these soon, and prior to the historian's archeology project in July.

After the survey is complete we will work on finalizing a Master plan for Hawkwood and an overall plan for parks and recreation in the town. Those documents will take longer to create and we can't wait to install parking and repair the bridges, both for safety concerns. A larger parking area can be done as the park becomes more actively used. It was decided not to attempt "truck worthy" bridges in the short term.