

Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes,
Thursday, September 25, 2003
7:00 PM
Durham District Courthouse

Attending were: Laurel Adams (from the Conservation Commission), Ken Andersen, Jane Crooks, Annemarie Harris, John Parry, and Frank Pilar.

I. Approval of the Minutes of May 22, 2003

The minutes were approved.

II. Public Comments.

There were no public comments.

III. Discussion Items

1. Update on the trail mapping project by John Parry.

GPS trail mapping should begin during the first half of November. There are about fifteen miles of trails located on seven sites: Adam_s Point, College Woods, Doe farm, East and West Foss Farms, Langmaid (Longmarsh) Road and Wagon Hill Farm. The Nature Conservancy land known as the Beneveuto (sp?) site will also be mapped. Nancy Lambert (UNH) and Tony Federer (Durham) will help, especially with the actual map construction using the appropriate software. Besides maps, trail descriptions need to be written. The plan is to publish the maps and trail descriptions on the Durham homepage in the spring.

2. Update on the _40 Acre_ Nature Trail by Laurel Adams of the Conservation Commission.

Laurel described a recent visit to the _40 Acre_ Wagon Hill site made by her, her son (who is doing this as a Boy Scout Eagle Scout project, and John Parry. A loop trail using part of the existing trail is proposed. Boy Scouts and adults will help with the construction of the trail.

3. Review of the accuracy of the "Outdoor Recreation Sites" 1991 publication.

Our update of the recreational sites described in the Conservation Commission_s 1991 "Outdoor Recreation Sites" publication was discussed. Several corrections and additions were made. A new update will be available before our next meeting on Thursday, October 23rd. Before then, a copy will be sent to the chair of the Conservation Committee for consideration.

4. Review of the accuracy of the "Recommended Site Activities."

Our update of the recommended activities given in the Conservation Commission's 1991 "Outdoor Recreation Sites" publication was discussed. Several corrections and additions were made. A new update will be available before our next meeting on Thursday, October 23rd. Before then, a copy will be sent to the chair of the Conservation Committee for consideration.

5. Discussion of Melanie Rose and Laurel Adams' trail stewardship proposal.

After some discussion the Rose-Adams' trail stewardship proposal emerged as a first draft as follows:

Trail Stewardship

Adopt A Trail

Please join us as a volunteer steward for Durham's Adopt A Trail Program. We want to keep the trails of Durham accessible, open and attractive. Contact us if you wish to become a trail steward and join our group of outdoor-minded people. An organizational meeting will be held on XXX at XXX pm in XXXX. Call XXX for more information.

6. Plans for the coming year.

Activities for the coming year might include those mentioned in the Master Plan. We should also find out what policies pertinent to our mandate are in effect and propose any changes or needed new ones. Our help in the construction of a skate board park needs to be addressed. A survey of interest in adult recreation after college might also be undertaken.

IV. New Business

There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at about 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth K. Andersen