Harmony Trail Committee

Report 5/10/2018

We initiated the purchase of a bridge from E.T. Techtonics for $26,650. We sent them a deposit of 50%. We ordered the upgraded decking so we have a fiberglass composite rather than southern yellow pine. We figured that the man made surface would last longer, require less maintenance and be less slippery than traditional wood. The upgrade added a couple thousand in cost but made the bridge lighter which might decrease the cost of the footers.

CEC reviewed the bridges we were considering and the quotes. They said any of the kits we looked at would serve our purpose. Their inquiries at E.T. Techtonics resulted in them dropping their price to the amount we closed the deal at. CEC should get to the site this week and complete the design of the required footers.

Once CEC has this information they will give us a quote for getting this work done. If it is acceptable we go with them. If not we need to find a contractor to do the footer work or do it with volunteers.

Once we understand when the footers will be done we will schedule delivery and construction of the bridge.

We have already started working on identifying volunteers for the bridge construction and completion of the trail. We have a lot more work to do in drumming up volunteers and interest in the community. Once we order the bridge and have a delivery date we will get into high gear.

Lou Krizmanich installed a new kiosk type sign for us to post information to trail users.

Lou has scheduled a volunteer day for May 20, 2018. Bob is not available. Experienced volunteers will be very helpful. The trail to and from the bridge have been flagged. The chainsaw work has been done. They need to take out stumps and roots. The trail needs to be scratched in and then contoured to control water. There are sections where a little benching is needed.

We need to develop a flyer or some other hand out that we can give to the volunteers so they know more about the Conservancy and can get active with us in other events.

We are considering feeding the volunteers. We probably need to borrow some Conservancy equipment like tables, water jugs, awnings, trach bag holders and chairs. We probably will rent a port-a-potty too.

We are going to need volunteers with trucks or vans. They can move equipment to and from Steve’s and move stuff up and down the trail.

Gary Rigdon of the Friends of North Park invited us to lead a project during the Stewardship Day May 12, 2018 starting at 9:00 at the Ambridge Shelter on Pearce Mill Rd. He expects to have between 80 and 100 volunteers. He will assign a number to them to us. We need to come up with one or more projects and leaders.

Pine has approved the housing plan that is expected to donate land to us on the opposite side of Route 910.