

Mascoma Lakeside Park Committee
Minutes, 9-6-23

Present: Meredith Smith, Liam Ehrenzweig, Terri Lynch, Penny Koburger, Doug Smith, Ed Morris, Dave Beaufait, Ken Warren, Shirley Green by Teams.

The minutes of the meeting on 8/2/23 were approved as corrected.

Financial Update: There were no revenues or expenses in August. Mike Burns has provided an estimate of between \$4200 and \$6200 for the Mirski Memorial grove, to be located on the slope between the rail trail right-of-way and the pavilion. It would consist of several trees for shade, a bench, and some flat rocks for seating.

Non-monetary Donations Doug read the proposed guidelines for the acceptance of non-monetary gifts, as developed by Kate and him with help from Pattie and Meredith. After discussion the Committee voted to submit them to the Select Board for adoption. These guidelines are attached to these minutes for reference.

Park Vandalism: Ed reported that the investigation into the damage to the port-a-potties is ongoing. The park incident may have been unrelated to the Shakoma Beach incident. This type of vandalism is very common according to Ed. There followed discussion about insurance coverage for damage to porta potty and the possibility of security cameras to be installed at the park.

Parking and Pathways Permitting Schedule: Ed reported that the engineering phase will continue through the winter. He anticipates that the work will be completed next summer, to meet the grant deadline.

By-Ways Grant: Ed reported that details of the award are still uncertain. It may cover only design and engineering, but not construction.

Infrastructure Committee: Dave reported that a new blue and yellow sign had been made by Bill and Ken Warren for the kiosk. He showed a picture of it in place on the kiosk, inscribed "Mascoma Lakeside Park." The committee also plans to stain the kiosk. He asked for input on the stain. The consensus was dark brown opaque. It will eventually be turned 90 degrees.

The tire marks on the pavilion floor have not yet been removed, although Ken Warren tried unsuccessfully. Liam said the floor had been sealed. Keeping bikes out of the pavilion remains an issue. Ken suggested a removable chain or portable gate/railing. Ed cautioned that, if the chain caused an accident, the Town could get sued. Meredith reported that there is blocking in the columns to support permanent railings. They were in the design but eliminated due to additional cost of about \$5000. No action taken.

Poison Ivy: Meredith reminded us to address this issue while the leaves are on the plants. She has found an environmentally friendly treatment which involves simple household products (white vinegar, Epsom salts, and dish soap). Doug offered to apply it. Ed said that you had to have a license. He will ask the Town invasives consultant about treating the poison ivy in the park.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4th.

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