

Shiloh Pond Committee
August 3, 2023

Draft minutes

Attending: Richard Hawkes, Rob Woodhouse, Annie Twitchell, Stacey McCluskey, Will Jefferies
Attending via Zoom: Lynn Duttlinger, Kathy Houston

Absent: Brent West, Norm Goff

Minutes: June 1, 2023

Stacey McCluskey calls the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Public comment: no public comment

Approval of minutes from June 1: Will Jefferies motion to approve, Rob Woodhouse seconds, all in favor.

Review summer work plans:

Kathy Houston says the purpose of this agenda item was to get an update on work that has been done and work that has not been completed.

Kathy Houston reports the decision was made not to do the trail work in July due to heat and humidity, so that work will be done in the fall.

Rob Woodhouse says that Jake Kilbreth requested to delay the road work until August. The project is tentatively planned for mid-August. Work to be completed: set the gate, put up the sign, and potentially do some roadwork.

Rob Woodhouse suggests that next year the committee should look at some work on the main road (Tuft's Pond Road) to trim brush and fill potholes.

Sean Mahoney contacted Kathy Houston regarding rock blocking the culvert where the gravel pile is located, and potentially a new culvert in there.

Rob Woodhouse worked on clearing the culvert and says the culvert looks structurally fine, but it needs to be cleared out.

Road and Sign Updates:

No further updates.

Fall Work Plans:

Select a date to complete work. Committee verbally agrees to try for evenings and potentially finish on a weekend if necessary.

Kathy Houston makes a motion to meet September 6, 2023 at 3 p.m. to continue clearing brush and clearing the trail to the waterfall. Stacey McCluskey seconded. Unanimous. Lynn Duttlinger says she may be in town that week and would like to help if she can.

Other Business:

Kathy Houston asks if the committee should consider shifting to meeting quarterly due to decreasing agenda items. Question is raised about setting dates for volunteer work days for brush clearing and trail work, if those decisions have to be made in a public meeting.

Stacey McCluskey makes a motion to move meetings to quarterly; Lynn Duttlinger seconds. All in favor.

Kathy Houston asks about the development of a trail all the way around the pond, if that's something that should be looked into or not. Suggests it would be a lot of work and not necessarily needed.

Rob Woodhouse says there are old logging roads and a skidder trail that goes about halfway around the pond, but connecting from there to the waterfall would require more development.

Stacey McCluskey suggests that the existing road structures could be cleared. Adds concerns about disruption to wildlife with new trail development.

Will Jefferies suggests keeping the loop trail on the table and scouting out where a trail could go.

Annie Twitchell suggests keeping the loop trail on the table and researching options.

Committee takes no action.

Annie Twitchell asks about how Kingfield Days Festival went; the Shiloh Pond Committee shared a space with High Peaks Alliance.

Will Jefferies says he felt it went well, and they were able to introduce people to Shiloh and Reed Brook and other features in the area.

Kathy Houston asks what people are hearing about Shiloh; are people using it, enjoying it?

Annie Twitchell says she had a question about hunting at property, misconception that hunting was not allowed; addressed that.

Stacey McCluskey makes motion to adjourn at 5:44 p.m., Will Jefferies seconds; approved.

Draft minutes submitted by Annie Twitchell, August 2, 2023.

Next Agenda:

Review request for split rail fence, blueberry bushes along edge of bank as an alternative
Review request for benches