

## **PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**January 18, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

### **Meeting commenced 6:15 p.m.**

In attendance: Colleen, Jimmy, Steve, Jamie, Rich, Ezra, Rebecca, Charli

Approval of November minutes, Ezra motioned, Steve seconded, approved.

1. **Introductions** – Welcome new PTAB member Rebecca Tendler
2. Review Letters of Interest – discussion: Leigh Walrath, submitted a letter of interest January 1, 2023. Stacey Allott submitted a letter and recommended by Josh. Committee voted to approve Leigh and Stacey as new PTAB members beginning in January 2023.
3. Annual Meeting to elect new officers. Ezra Schwartzberg elected Chair, Steve Langdon elected Vice Chair, Rebecca Tendler elected Secretary.
4. **Old Business**
  - DRI projects: all on hold until Spring 2023.
  - Grand Union easement for Riverwalk discussion: Steve will try to make contact with owner Angelo.
  - Mt. Pisgah: up and running, well-staffed with local teenagers and getting prepared for Carnival races. Pipe that supplies water to snow guns is still leaking and a bigger pump is needed. There are also divots and holes on Mt. Pisgah that need to be graded and filled to make better use of the snow that is made. All of these projects require funding: discussion about funding through a LEAF grant/crisis fund. Ezra is going to form a committee to develop a grant strategy and funding for Mt. Pisgah.
  - Saranac Lake Trail Stewards: Rebecca and Charli would like to be added. Steve will email volunteer forms.
  - Baldwin Park Redesign: Ezra will write a letter to the Village Board to reconsider the new Baldwin Park redesign. Discussions about important items to add to the letter, specifics on why PTAB supports the new park design and all of the time that's gone into public comment session. Pickleball courts are being considered at Pisgah.
  - Snowmobiles in the Village: Committee agreed to dedicate at least ½ hour next session (February) for a discussion with Brian Wood.
5. **New Business**
  - Annual Report discussion of what PTAB would like included this year – Start of DRI Projects, Fireworks, Baldwin Park, Saranac Lake Trail Stewards, New trails and trail updates, Southern Gateway Trail, Mt. Pisgah, New railing on River St., Wayfinding Maps, Sidewalk connector on Canaras Ave.
  - Discussion of priorities for 2023 – Playground equipment, William Morris Park, Baldwin Park, Rail Trail, Finish DRI Projects, update LWRP, Lake Colby, Bike paths, sidewalks.
6. **Adjourn:** 7:56 p.m.