

## PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD

### Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2022

6:00 PM

#### Meeting commenced 6:14pm

In attendance: Colleen, Jimmy, Steve, Jamie, Rich, Ezra, Tyler, Charlie Lomino

Approval of November minutes, Jimmy motioned, Tyler seconded, approved.

1. **Introductions** – Welcome new PTAB member Charlie Lomino
2. Review Letters of Interest- discussion: Rebecca Tendler, submitted a letter of interest in early December. Committee voted to approve Rebecca as new PTAB member beginning in January 2023.
3. **Old Business**
  - DRI projects: Discussions on William Morris Park (wrapped up for winter), Ward Plumadore, new bathrooms (Berkley) and intersection at Main and Broadway scheduled to be done in spring.
  - Mt. Pisgah: Ezra has been working as volunteer snowmaker at Pisgah. Looking for additional volunteers to help from 4-8pm or 8p-12a. Pipe that supplies water to snow guns is leaking, only 3 snow guns can run at a time, 5 would be ideal. Andy has roughly half the t-bars on the lift. Scheduled to open on 12/27. Discussions on changing the Saranac Lake website to reflect whether the mountain is open yet.
  - Saranac Lake Trail Stewards: Moose Pond was scanned for blowdown 2/12, Baker and Bloomindale Bog Trail also scanned for blowdown. All hours have been documented in the log.
  - Baldwin Park Redesign: Ezra offered to 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.
  - Other: Fireworks permitting – new permit will amend the setback for winter fireworks. This was approved by the Village Board. A dollar amount was put on the deposit for firework permits in order to insure cleanup afterwards.
5. **Discussion:** snowmobiles in the village
  - Consideration for work session (who, when, etc.)? Issues brought up: embracing snowmobiles as a way to draw tourists is concerning. This could be a potential safety issue. Discussions about 15 mph speed limit in the village. How do we get snowmobilers from the Rail Trail to local restaurants and businesses? Further discussion regarding educating visitors about best ways to access certain parts of the village. Correspondence with ARTA was suggested to discuss a plan moving forward. Ezra will talk to ARTA.
6. **New Business**
  - Representatives needed for public art review committee - Colleen and Charlie volunteered to serve on this committee to represent PTAB.
  - Grant funding for public art installation did not come through, however, 10k is still available for this project.
  - What to include in annual report ([2021 Annual Report](#)) – Jamie will start a google document
7. Adjourn: 7:22pm