Harmony Trail Committee

Report 6/10/2017

Bridge permit application submitted – They have requested additional information and we replied. We can only sit and wait now.

We received 3 quotes for the bridge ranging from $20,000 to $25,000. We are still waiting on other quotes.

We received the cost information for the tax delinquent properties next to the trail. Information has been sent to all of the Board members by email on June 10.

Two grant applications have been submitted: the C2P2 grant application covering tax delinquent properties & bridge and the Commonwealth Greenways grant application for tax delinquent properties, trailhead improvement and bridge. We do not expect to hear on either until the end of the year.

The trailhead sign is expected by the end of June. We expect the permit from Pine for the sign this week. The company, BlueFire, is making the sign and will install it.

North Park clarified blazing and rhino post policies so work will resume soon on blazing the rest of the trail. Mark said he would blaze the section along the Red (Ridge) Trail by early July so we should have the majority of blazing done by then.

The Trolley Presentation 6/10 with Boy Scout Troop 344 was OK but only 20 people attended.

We have received no update from Penn Power on parking lot.

We have 2 gardens along the trail now. Amy and a group of volunteers planted a pollinator garden between the bridge and the parking lot and another volunteer, Eoin Gormley, planted a pumpkin patch near where the bridge is planned. The pumpkins are an experiment to see if they slow down the advance of the Japanese Knot Weed. We have 2 volunteers working on controlling the knot weed by chopping it down a few times a season.

Blue Heron HOA may use their lawn mowing contractor, at their expense, to mow along their side of the trail so we hold the wildlife at bay a bit.

A group of volunteers completed a flagstone path from Brooktree Road to start our path into our property. This will look very inviting next to the sign we expect to erect and it will reduce the need to mow the area.