Harmony Trail Committee

Report 12/13/2017

Bridge permit – we have the permit

We have signed the contract with Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for the $63,000 grant for us to use for the bridge, the tax delinquent properties and other trail improvements.

The tax delinquent properties process has moved along. We paid approximately $14,000 for the properties. It will take about 5 more months until we can close on the properties. We expect to get reimbursed 85% for this expense by the CFA grant after closing.

We are still waiting for the MOU process to complete with Allegheny Parks. They corrected the document and had Andy sign it. We have signed it. It needs one more signature.

We have received no update from Penn Power on the parking lot. John has notified them of our hike on 2/4/18.

We are still planning to use the grant money to hire a qualified project manager for the bridge project. We are waiting for clarification of some of the requirements in the grant contract. In one place it said we need to do competitive bidding for all expenses and in another it said we needed to do competitive bidding for everything over $10,000. We believe the project management service will be less than the $10,000.

We are keeping our eye on a proposed housing development at the corner of Brennan Road and Route 910. This is right across the road from the existing Penn Power Trail Head. Pine Township brought it to John’s attention. The developer plans to have a trail on what they say is the path of the Harmony Trolley line. This runs along Brennan Road. The developer told Pine that they were to work with us on that trail. John reached out to the developer but they have not gotten back to us.