

Skaneateles Conservation Area Advisory Committee meeting minutes

Monday, June 15, 2015, 7 PM at the Skaneateles Town Hall.

Attendees: Ken Kaufman, Dave Laxton, Jeff Meyer, Nancy Murray, Sue Murphy, Randy Nonenmacher, Mike Zuber

Note: Tom Brooks is in Saudi Arabia, Fred Scholl is in Alaska, and Bob Sykes is in Canada.

Minutes:

1. Sue Murphy discussed fishing derby plans:
 - o Derby would be held from 9-12 AM on Saturday, July 18.
 - o Volunteers would arrive around 8 AM.
 - o Our next committee meeting would be held a week early, on July 13 in order to pull details together.
 - o T-shirt design was presented, sponsor names were verified and it was agreed to remove fish names as they were wrong.
 - o Assignments:
 1. Fred: worms
 2. Ken: parking
 3. Randy: coolers, grill, T-shirt details with printer
 4. Jeff: hot dog grilling
2. Report on highway department work on Thursday May 21:
 - o Cleared most of *Phragmites*. Will need to do rest by hand.
 - o Added stone, topsoil and seed around pavilion - Ken mentioned that the grass and soil were still soft and we agreed that we should set things up to discourage excessive walking on the new grass during the derby.
 - o Removed brush piles along trails.
 - o Mowed Scout Field.
 - o Straightened kiosk by Old Seneca Turnpike parking lot.
3. Report on swallowwort cutting on Tuesday May 26:
 - o Ken and Randy weed-ate and scythed pale swallowwort on several Federal Farm trails.
 - o Will need to be repeated periodically through summer to ensure it does not go to seed.
 - o This is probably not a permanent solution, but may slow the spread somewhat.

- Discussed getting someone certified as a pesticide applicator to work on this and other invasive plant problems. Suggestions were made to contact CCE and DEC.
4. Report on trail-identification subcommittee meeting on Wednesday May 27:
 - Fred, Ken, Tom & Randy met to discuss identification of all trails for safety, planning and maintenance purposes.
 - We agreed that we should have an identification system for trails and possibly intersections.
 5. Reported on the Habitat Gardening in Central New York/Wild Ones tour with Greg McGee and Geoff Griffiths on Saturday June 13 and extended an invitation to the committee to attend the Saturday June 20 tour at 10 AM.
 6. Ken Kaufman asked whether the committee was still interested in sending two Town of Skaneateles campers to the Baltimore Woods day camp this summer and volunteered to contact the staff at Baltimore Woods to arrange it. We all agreed that this would be worthwhile. [Ken arranged to send two kids to the day camp on the following day.]