

9/28/2023 Chautauqua County Parks Commission Minutes

The meeting was held at the Jamestown Airport and called to order by Chair Bob Franzen at 4pm. Members present were Bob Franzen, Martha Anderson, Jacob Bodway, Bob Dando, Dottie Lauricella(pending). Present from CCDPF Justin Rader, Tim Card, Jamie Reynolds, Cook, Pat Smith and Theresa Draves from NYSDEC.

The Operations report included the following information:

- Option to purchase Arkwright property. Jamie Reynolds, county surveyor, explained 100 acre parcel in Arkwright that is available for purchase off of Burnham Rd. It would expand county property and will open options for future expansion to connect county properties in the area. County will also purchase driveway from Mr. Waite to obtain access to the 100 acres.
- DPF has met with the Law department to discuss sale of 3 land parcels that are reforestation areas. Parcel #12 40 acres in town of Ellery that is land locked, Parcel #11 90 acres on North Hill Rd in the town of Charlotte, and Parcel #10 70 acres in Clymer on 474.

After discussion , the members present agreed to send a letter of support for the above proposals to the legislature. Absent members to be contacted for their vote on the matter prior to sending the letter.

- Design on Eggleston Hill Road Parking Lot has begun. Weather dependent and drainage issues.
- B&G to provide labor for interior finish to bathroom at Luesnman Park. Area has been reseeded.
- ARPA Funded Waterway Project: extension needed for contract, Mapping began on Conewango at PA line, log jams from PA line to Cassadaga Creek should be cleared by winter.
- ARPA funded project –Harris Hill TCA to finish trail improvements this week, Boardwalk work to commence soon , Steel bridge permit applications to be submitted early next week
- 2024 budget to legislators on 9/27
- Dinsbier Landfill Timber sale approved
- Dead ash trees removed from Millrace Park

Trails

- Jacob has small trail signs. He has completed signage on the Overland trail on Harris Hill. Blue signs are for the Overland trail. He is GPS ing Harris Hill.
- Brokenstraw construction is going on.
- Kiosk at Mt. Pleasant still needs repair. Burm at Mt. Pleasant is on hold, awaiting plans for trails in that area. There is timbering going on. Jacob, Pat and Theresa to look at area to determine reroute or remediation on Oct 30th. DEC has funding for swing gates for this area.
- Pat requested to move the bench at Warner Rd to the other side of the road. A TRP is required from the DEC.
- 430 Parking lot sign is not visible.
- Bench to be installed at Luensman for plaques and memorials.
- Possible lean-to for Boutwell Hill ponds, would need TRP from DEC.

Discussion about Legislative representative for the Commission. Possible appointment after the election.

The next meeting will be October 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm .

Respectfully submitted:

Dottie Lauricella