

Parks/Recreation Committee Meeting
March 10, 2016

Members present: Dave Gerhart, Bill Shaeffer, John Schroeder, Vicki Eldridge, Jason McClune, Brian Longenecker, John Walton, Greg Hohenwarter, Roy Snyder, Wayne and Judy Sponseller and Steve Weaver from the Strasburg Railroad

Steve Weaver made a presentation concerning a train accident that occurred on the Enola Line almost 100 years ago in which an engineer was killed. He was wondering if the committee would be interested in putting some sort of historical marker and/or pictorial display marking the incident. The committee was in favor of this idea and asked Steve to bring 2 ideas for the committee to view at the next meeting. There would be no cost to the township as railroad workers and enthusiasts would be doing the work.

Vicki reported that the money for the design of the proposed 222 bridge and storm water studies for the trail has been approved.

Jason reported that 2 gates have been installed at Sigman Road, the trail has been dragged to smooth it out, and he has checked the water problem at Cinder Road.

Brian suggested that mowing for the coming season be done the middle of April, possibly once in the summer and at the beginning of fall before the plant seeds mature. Mowing one mower width up and back is adequate.

Brian suggested that marking the trail boundaries be done at only the places where there are problems such as severe soil erosion.

Brian will make a plan for the development of a picnic/parking area at Fairview 2 for the committee to review. John will talk to the scouts to explore ideas for them to possibly contribute to the development of Fairview 2.

Picnic tables will be put at Fairview 1 and Sigman Road.

Korleen suggested that a notice requesting that people contribute their extra perennials for planting on the trail be posted. Vicki will put the request in the newsletter for township residents to drop off the perennials on April 16 and May 7 when dropping off yard waste. Korleen also suggested we do a trial weed control area at Fairview 1 by using black plastic to kill the weeds. Vicki will purchase the materials and Korleen will notify Brian when we should put it down so he can email a request for volunteers for a work detail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.