To: Committee members

From: Joe Oslander

cc: Austin Hall

Date: September 22, 2022

Re: Meeting Notes Rockland Preserve Committee

Members present- Dave Okamoto, Cecily Baran, Joe Oslander, Jason Engelhardt (8:00)

Chair’s Report: Third graders field trip will be on Oct 6, 7, 11 from Jeffrey School and scheduling for Ryerson is a work in progress. Because of the planting date of Oct 15 at the Pollinator Garden site the committee will not be attending the Bauer Festival this year. The Bimbler’s Bluff footrace is on Oct 23 and this race will be number 14. Our next meeting in November will be at our new meeting place the North Madison Congregational Church on the first floor in the meeting section of the church.

The ADA/ebike rules and permits are all set and approved one rider for handicapped reasons in August.

Cecily’s report on the recent work detail for the Pollinator garden included 10 workers for 3 hours and the paths for the garden are visible with wood chips and large sections have been raked and soil piles from the big pill of soil are beginning to fill the open space for the plantings. The town will provide mulch for the garden site.

Austin reported plans are to replace the rocks blocking Poole road with a wooden fence/gate for easier entry to Poole Road.

Dave and Joe have a map from the sponsor for the route of the Bimbler’s Bluff Race and will be checking the trail route for downed trees and any obstacles that need to be removed for Oct 23, 2022.
The list of Rockland Preserve Goals and Projects was reviewed by the committee and the Split Rail Fence at Renee’s Way is in place and it appears to be keeping everything in order. The repair work of Godman campsite tent platform was repaired on Sept 21. Pollinator Garden

The Goals and Projects will be reviewed again at the November meeting.

Cecily shared that the Town officials are pleased with the project that was presented to them for grant consideration. There apparent interest in another project for RP which would involve Coan Pond and Phragmites. There was discussion of having a well drilled near the Glacial Erratic or the Pines near Old Crooked Hill Road. There is a November deadline for submitting a proposal.

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