

SPRUCE CREEK TRAIL ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2016

Board Members Present: Laurie LeRoy, Tracey Hatcher, Paul LeRoy, Sue Bertch, Brenda Goett, Jan Ballinger, Max Traven, Monica Quarmby Absent: Joe Goett (out of town)

The normal order of business was suspended for this meeting. Ricky Rains and Robert Livingston (original developers of Spruce Creek) attended as special guests to help us review the trail maps prepared by Sue Bertch. The Board and the developers of Spruce Creek were amazed at the information and accuracy of the maps reflecting her expertise and many hours researching individual deeds and development phase drawings. The attached map is color coded to indicate her findings:

Red: Trails deeded to SCTA (phases 1-5)

Orange: Designated on Phase Drawings as trails (phases 6-23)

Pink: Trails indicated in individual deed descriptions

Lots: 2.01 Taft Story Road

39.01 Spruce Creek Road

235 Spruce Creek Road

387 Spruce Creek Road

The following information is a summary of the results of several very productive hours of questions/answers/discussions:

1. The property that runs behind lot 311 (upper left hand corner on map) is owned by the Sloan family. John Sloan has indicated that we may reroute the current trails that are on lot 311 onto their property to connect with the old logging trails/Willie Lee Trail, etc. Laurie will ask Danny Hatcher to provide an estimate.
2. In general, the developers made the trail deeds after the phases were completed. Robert Livingston believes that he deeded most of the trails shown in orange on the left side of the map to the trail association some years ago. He will check with the lawyer's office (Romer) to see if they may still have the records on their computer system. It is possible the paperwork was given to prior board members and was lost or never filed with the court house.
3. The roads in Spruce Creek were cut to be 40 feet wide....in some sections 50 feet wide. The gravel/pavement generally is 22-25 feet wide. Therefore, the remaining footage (approximately 8-10 feet on each side) is county easement property which can be used for horse trails.....if necessary. Property owners cannot block or obstruct this county property.
4. Ricky Rains owns the large 336 acres shown as "39" (center of the map). He will allow us to reroute the washed out section of trail leading down to the creek toward the Cumberland Trail Head.
5. Paul will try to mark out a possible new trail to replace the sink hole problem between lots 433 and 444 (mid-left side of map) by coming up through lots 441 and 442. Robert Livingston said he would certainly look at giving us an easement.
6. Robert and Ricky both said that a trail shown on a deed is ours to manage and cannot be changed/rerouted without our agreement.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WERE THE TRAILS SHOWN ONLY ON INDIVIDUAL DEEDS – ITEMS 7-10 BELOW AND SHOWN IN PINK ON THE MAP:

7. The trail in pink running between 2.01 and 3.05 on Taft Story Road is shown on the Bose deed and says he owns to the trail. (bottom right side of map)
8. The trail in pink running behind lot 387 (far left side of map) belongs to Robert Livingston. He will keep as a horse trail, of course.
9. The trail in pink running beside lots 235 and 39.01 (center of the map) is owned by South Fork Properties-R. Rains. (Was Bonnie Glasser property) They intend to keep it as a horse trail.
10. We need to update the map and show that the trail runs alongside the road by lots 444, 445, 446. (lower left side of map)
11. Ricky Rains will talk with the Gernts about the reroute of the current trail that runs through their land as part of the Proctor Ridge Trail and provides access to the Park. The trail will probably run up behind the Tee Pee loop on Ricky Rains land. (lower left side of map.....Tee Pee Loop trail not shown...is off the page) We offered to assist with manpower and materials. Ricky believes the reroute may take place in the fall.
12. Ricky Rains offered his property known as “Vanny Cravens Field” for a shooting range fund raiser if we would like to use it. Paul will check it out. (white square-lower center of map)

Other business:

Laurie will write a Thank You note to both Robert Livingston and Ricky Rains.

Brenda has spoken to several residents who are taking our rock from the piles by the pavilion. The board authorized her to order signs indicating that the rock is the property of the SCTA.

Paul reported that we have 107 members and that we have \$1,300 in the checking account. We have approximately \$800 in outstanding bills for rock and deliveries, plus another \$100 in bills expected for utilities. This will leave us with only about \$400.

The group then discussed the need for a fundraiser for General Trail Work projects. (finish Wildcat Den, #4 above-to reroute the washed out area leading to the Cumberland Trail Head, fix Evergreen Trail, etc.)

The group decided to order T-Shirts with the Spruce Creek Map – front and back to sell for \$20. (Cost will be \$13-\$15 depending on how many orders we get. The initial order will be for 24, and all the board members signed up to buy one. We will all wear to the Labor Day Pot Luck. The Goetts will pay the \$100 set up charge.

The group also decided to have a trail activity (scavenger hunt or flag race) with prizes, a \$10 charge for food and a band. The date will be Saturday, Oct. 22nd with a Halloween theme. Hopefully Lou will cook and we will also need volunteers to park rigs. The Hatchers will pay for the band, the LeRoys will buy the hot dogs/chips; Jan will donate the water. A planning committee was named – Tracey, Jan, and Monica who will meet next week.

Other fund raising ideas to consider: In the winter, perhaps do a “pizza” event with Beatty’s. For next year consider levels of membership (gold, silver, bronze)

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Horse Trails

- (red) Deeded to SCTA (Phases 1-5)
- (orange) Designated on Phase Drawings (6-23)
- (pink) In deed descriptions
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39.01 Spruce Creed Dr.
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387 " " "

