

Minutes for Schmid Preserve Advisory Board Meeting
October 21, 2020, 7 p.m., Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Chair Lisa McSwain called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Members present were Andy Abello, Laura Lubelczyk, Lisa McSwain, Rick Nelson, David Nutt, and Selectman Mike Smith. Janet Blevins was also present. There was no public input.

2. Chairperson's Report - Lisa McSwain

- a. Review of Minutes: David Nutt moved to approve the minutes as written. Vote 5-0-0.
- b. Next Meeting: November 18, 2020
- c. Welcome new board member and discuss returning committee members' term lengths and swearing in: Lisa McSwain welcomed Rick Nelson as a new board member. Claudia Coffin will be consulted regarding the terms of the remaining board members and swearing in of those whose terms are renewing.
- d. Committee Chairs: The board discussed continuing the appointment of chairs of committees and a vote will be taken at the next meeting whether to continue with committee chairs.
- e. Review Contact Info of Board: Corrections will be given to the secretary.

3. Selectman's Report

Mike Smith said the board was busy since the resignation of one of the members, but it will be focusing on the Lallis property and obtaining conservation easements for the Rivelink Trail that is on the Lallis property.

4. Land Acquisition, Boundaries and Roads

- a. Boundary Maintenance: Lisa McSwain said she had obtained all the maps of the preserve and suggested starting to check the boundary markings in the spring. Marky Warren who did the original marking has offered his help on difficult portions. She said that if the ten acres that have been offered to the preserve are added, those boundaries will have to be included. Bob Leone has offered to help with the acquisition of that property.
- b. Road Maintenance: Lisa McSwain said that Joe McSwain had done a ton of work on the Old County Road gate, built two water bars, and spread gravel on the parking lot.

5. Public Relations, Stewardship

- a. Map Update: Laura Lubelczyk said that all trails except the Orange trail on the Middle Road side of the preserve were mapped. She offered to bring Becky Shaffner who is working on the mapping with her to the next meeting so she can update us on the progress.
- b. Fall Mowing: David Nutt said he had mowed the field at Mount Hunger Road North and suggested trimming back to create larger fields perhaps next summer. Branches need to be cut back where they are encroaching on the trails.

6. Trails

- a. Fall Maintenance Work: A work session was tentatively scheduled for November 8 at 9 a.m. Lisa McSwain will notify volunteers by email. Recommendations or priorities for this work session should be given to Lisa. The Riverlink trail from McKay Road needs work. Rick Nelson will bring four or five high school students to help. Several posts need replacing. Rick Nelson suggested rerouting the Purple Trail to avoid the wet area.
- b. Meadow Brook Bridge Construction: A workday was scheduled for Saturday, October 24, to work on the bridge. Rick Nelson, Laura Lubelczyk, Andy Abello, David Nutt, and Lisa McSwain plan to attend. Joe McSwain will bring the necessary tools. Andy Abello and David Nutt will bring chain saws. The group will meet at 8 a.m. at the Bob Brown parking lot.
- c. Continuation of Scout's Trail: David and Charlotte Nutt will flag an extension to Scout's Trail for a possible biking and hiking trail.

7. Other Business

Lisa McSwain recommended starting an endowment as laid out in the master plan. Members were asked to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Hunting signs will be put up prior to the start of hunting season.

A handicapped individual has asked about using her motorized vehicle in the preserve. The policy forbids wheeled motorized vehicles. Andy Abello suggested contacting an attorney.

8. Public Input and Comment

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.