

Friends of the State Line Serpentine Barrens

Board Meeting – September 6, 2012

Attending: Mike Bertram, Rose Chase, Anna Hull, Marci Mowery, David Ross, Kent Wagner, Mike Walz, Henry Whitesel

Action Items

Agreed: Cancel workdays unless a minimum of 3 volunteers present (safety)

Marci will confirm meeting with Pennsylvania Parks and Forest Foundation consultants on recruiting volunteers, outreach, and board process:

Thursday, October 4, 5pm-7, potluck at Henry's

Backup: Friday, October 12, 5pm-7, potluck at Henry's

Marci will circulate descriptions of
Responsibilities of chair and vice-chair (or co-chair)
Duties of board members

Mike B will contact current webmaster to transfer responsibilities for <http://statelineserpentinebarrens.org/home>

Marci will contact Cindy Whitesel to arrange transfer of administer rights to Facebook site: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-the-State-Line-Serpentine-Barrens/267391276628064>

Work accomplished last year

Chrome: Trails built and maintenance of habitat

Part TNC, part Elk

Assistance from TNC, Deloitte, Elk Township

New Texas: Maintenance of habitat. Losing ground.

Hannum Family & neighboring properties to east

Nottingham County Park: Cleared dead trees from wildfire site in prep for new burn

Assistance from Ursinus College students, scouts, county parks

Goat Hill: New serpentine sites cleared. Maintained TNC sites

Assistance from Joe Frassetta and DCNR, scouts, Keystone Trails Association

Pilot: Cleared fire breaks

Maryland

Celebrated Award from PPF for Accomplishments

Plans for next year

Chrome

Maintenance

Finish trail

Needs brochure to distribute Oxford Mainstreet, Library, Elk Township; office

9/22 workday, township will help block off ATV entrance

New Texas -- maintenance in the South primarily; but risk losing northern area

County Park -- clearing dead trees along Firebreak

Goat Hill

clearing areas, 18 months worth of work ahead

Explore additional trails (e.g. along the Ridge Top north of Goat Hill)

Ask Molly Anderson of TNC to arrange a January meeting of stakeholders

Pilot

clear more firebreaks

explore methods for pulling out logging; horse hauling risks spreading invasives through excrement

TNC contacts: Deborah Landau and Gabe Cahalan

Other areas

Rock Springs -- transferred to Lancaster Cty Conservancy; many of best sites on surrounding properties

Mike B has had reports of other areas (e.g., near Oxford airport), but likely so overgrown as unrecoverable.

Cutting accident last month

Kent -- 8-12 week recovery process

On state land so qualifies for DCNR workman's comp

Need an after action report

DCNR recommended -- remedial chain saw safety -- day long course --

Rich Deppen -- Assistant District Forester, Williams Penn Forest (French Creek)

Long term vision

Move from clearing to maintenance

More trails (Chrome, Goat Hill)

New Texas -- keep open easement possibility; explore funding through Carol Herr of Herr Foundation

Recruiting and Training Volunteers

Need at least 3 volunteers present for safe work days

We brainstormed outreach ideas

Schedule meeting with PPFf consultants for recruitment plan
current strategy -- word of mouth and Web site (so get web site and
Facebook contact links functioning)

press releases

TNC & PPFf web sites/newsletter

Outreach to new corporate partners: Herrs; Dansko; United Way;

Outreach to colleges, universities, Oxford High School

Filling of Chair and Vice Chair positions

Next steps – review PPFf description of responsibilities and duties

Henry would like his primary responsibilities to return to work day leader