

Red Hook Greenway and Trails Committee Meeting Minutes for 5 February 2009

Members Present: Howie Callies, Doug Strawinski,
John Kuhn, Marina Michahelles
Liaison Present: Micki Strawinski, Henry Christopher

Committee Reorganization

Members leaving the Committee:

Ralph Choinsky, Donna Griffiths, Robert George

Proposed new members:

Jerry Gilnac, Susan Gilnac

Meeting at Bard College

Thursday, 12 Feb 2009, 12:00 a.m.

Bard Student Center Lounge

Marina Michahelles will chair this meeting.

Meeting topic will be the development/improvement of the Tivoli to Bard College Trail through the Tivoli Bays. Bard Student Activity Leaders, interested Bard faculty and students, RHCS D Leaders, Tom Cordier, Tivoli Mayor, Red Hook Greenways and Trails Committee members will attend.

Create an information Contact Sheet at this meeting.

Refreshments will be served.

Scheduled Tivoli to Bard Trail Events:

14 March 2009 Walk of the trail to determine needs

28 March 2009 Cleanup Day with volunteers

18 April 2009 Reopening of Trail

25 April 2009 Rain date for trail reopening

St. Margaret's Home

Development of the St. Margaret's Property as a destination park as outlined in the Town of Red Hook's Recreational Needs Assessment. Sidewalks will eventually extend as far as the St. Margaret's on the west side of Route 9.

Develop this park site with a community development concept that utilizes volunteer individuals and service groups, clubs, etc.

Sidewalk to Recreation Park

A community development block grant to construct a sidewalk along east side of Linden Avenue to connect the Village and the Recreation Park is under consideration by the Town and Village. After discussion, the Committee would like to see a barrier separating the roadway from the sidewalk if possible to improve the safety for all users.

School Zone Signage and Reduced Speed Limits

The Committee has contacted the RHCSD to inquire about and to ask for the installation of School Zone Signs and reduced speed limits for specified school hours. If this is a NYSDOT matter, perhaps the RHCSD should be the lead agency in contacting them. If it the Town or the Village, then the Committee will pursue it. Micki Strawinski will do further research into this matter.

Wetlands Walk Platform

Construction of the Wetlands Walk Observation Platform may require waiting for the wetlands to freeze to allow heavy equipment to set the 6x6 posts. Doug Strawinski and Howie Callies will determine the construction needs and locate a reasonable site for the platform. This project will be reviewed at the next meeting.