



**City of Shelton
Trails Committee**

Meeting Minutes for
August 2, 2017

REVISED MINUTES

Present: Bill Dyer (Chair), Richard Skudlarek, Terry Gallagher, Val Gosset, Sandie Skudlarek, Jim Taradine, Sheri Dutkanicz (arrived 6:39 pm). **Absent:** Bob Wood. **Also present:** Teresa Gallagher, Natural Resource Manager

The meeting was called to order by Bill Dyer, Chairman, at 5:37 pm.

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Richard Skudlarek made a motion to approve the July 2017 meeting minutes. Seconded by Val Gosset. All were in favor.
2. **Membership issues:** Two members will be leaving the committee.



3. **Recent Trail Activities:**

- A. There was a work party to brush out the Paugussett and other trails in the Eklund Garden/Oak Valley Road area.
- B. A guided hike was held along the Dog Paw Path to Eklund Garden, one of the hikes on the 2017 Lollipop Loop challenge (see photo).
- C. Terry and Teresa Gallagher met with some mountain bikers onsite to discuss issues with illegal mountain bike trails. The trail in question was

- blocked off and signed and the mountain bikers are going to help watch to ensure it stays closed. There are additional trails that will be blocked off.
- D. The Gallaghers installed a trail register at the Birchbank overlook.
 - E. CFPA staff and volunteers have continued working on the Paugussett reroute at Indian Well.

4. Projects planned for the near future:

- A. **2017 “Lollipop Loop” Trails Challenge:** The path tags were ordered and a display posted at the Community Center.
- B. **Rec Path Parking:** Committee members discussion the possibility of having the parking area at the Lane Street trailhead expanded because there is only space for 2 or 3 cars and people are parking in the street.
- C. **Paugussett relocation at Wiacek:** Scout Joe Singh plans to begin work on the reroute on August 2 at 10:00 am. Jim Taradine will meet the Scouts with the gator and tools. Richard Skudlarek noted that they can’t open the CL&P gate on the south side of Shelton Avenue using CL&P’s combination. They have no trouble with the other CL&P gates.

5. Guided Hikes/Events:

- A. September 10: Tahmore Trail
- B. October 1: Shelton Day
- C. November 4: Full Moon Hike
- D. November 26: Turkey Trot Trek

6. Potential Work Parties:

- A. August 12: Paugussett Trail between Mayflower Lane and Indian Well. Meet at Sinsabaugh Heights. Richard Skudlarek walked this section and note several areas that need work. If there are enough volunteers, they will split up, with some driving to Indian Well.
- B. August 26: Rec Path at Silent Waters to cut the overgrowth on the dam and possibly spread processed material on washouts.

7. Expenses:

- A. Bill Dyer submitted invoices totaling \$86.71 for Round-Up and repair to a leaf blower.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm. The next meeting will be held on September 6, 2017.

Minutes were prepared by Teresa Gallagher and should be considered a draft until approved by the Trails Committee.