



*****THIS MONTH IN THE PARKS*****

January - February

The winter months are important times for planning projects, researching products and software and searching for funding. There are many projects in the works currently that require a great deal of administrative duties. The park staff, Mary, all members of the Park Board and members of the Trails Committee are actively assisting in several of these projects listed below.

- Restroom project -
 - receiving quotes and finalizing a budget
 - working with JPR on land transfer
- River Mill Trail Engineering grant - writing and submitting a grant to the CFEC for the engineering of this trail project.
- Safety concerns for trails - writing a grant for Tactical Urbanism Demonstration Project.
- Riverfest planning meetings.
- Volunteer App - researched and testing apps to help track volunteer hours.
- QR Codes - researched ways to utilize QR codes to be used for brochures, maps and other promotional materials.
- Cut down and chipped trees and shrubs along drive into Krider Garden.
- Building more trash and recycling receptacles.
- Riverbend Trail improvements and promotion.
- Park and trail promotional articles.
- Website updates.
- Designing best and safe route to get trail user from PVNT to downtown.
- Creating and prioritizing task lists for each park.

Grants / Projects

- Received \$15,000.00 from CFEC grant for Bathroom project.
- Received \$10,000.00 from Bontrager Family Foundation grant for Bathroom project.
- Working to obtain new quotes and reduce total cost of restroom project.
- Working with CFEC to possibly help fund engineering cost for River Mill Trail.
- Tactical Urbanism Demonstration Project Funding.

Park Board:

- Board members have been involved restroom project, trail projects, grant writing and review, Riverbend trail improvements, communications through inMiddlebury

Trail Committee

- Trail Stewards continue to check trails in the cooler weather.
- Working with Park Board to prioritize trail improvements and projects.
- Trail Safety concerns and funding opportunities

Landscaping Committee

- Updated Flower Fund Flyer and helped to stuff envelopes to be sent out with water bills.

Riverfest Planning Committee

- Hosted 1st planning meeting of the year

FOMP

- Trestle Terrace development planning, Contributing financially to restroom project.

Programs

- None at this time. Working with Library and Middlebury Then and Now Committee (all programs will be dependent on level of Covid)

In the Parks

Riverbend:

- Normal seasonal maintenance

East Park

- Normal seasonal maintenance
- Getting quote for restoring rock wall

Memorial Park:

- Normal seasonal maintenance

Krider Park:

- Normal seasonal maintenance
- Cut and chipped trees and shrubs along entrance drive and in park

Pumpkinvine Nature Trail:

- Normal maintenance
- Bathroom design and funding
- Safety and connection concerns

Trails (other)

- Added some new regulatory signs.

Old Mill Park

- Normal maintenance

Administrative/Community Involvement (ongoing)

- Working with JPR for land transfer for restroom
- Organizing shop
- Working with Trails Committee
- Attending Pumpkinvine Advisory Committee meetings
- Closely working with Park Board on variety of tasks
- Working with Landscaping Committee
- Developed and installing new tree ID signs at Krider - Ongoing
- Updating Park Maintenance Plan Documents
- Designing interpretive signage - Ongoing
- Working with Riverfest Committee

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