

**GMF TRAILS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**June 11, 2020- Zoom- 6 pm**  
**MINUTES**

1. **Meeting called To Order** at 6:05 PM by Chairman Rocco Blasi
2. **Attending:** Rocco Blasi, Dick Bratton, Rebecca Ochkie, Jan Smith, Claudia Eley, Don Walker, Rob Schillinger, Lisa Townsend, Mike Lohman, Richard Brown, Chris Watling and GMF resident Kathleen Morrow
3. **Agenda Approval-** M/S Eley/Lohman. Passed 11:0
4. **Approve Minutes** of May 14, 2020– M/S Smith/Lohman. Passed 11:0.
5. **Public Input items not on agenda-** none
6. **Progress Reports-** since last meeting
  - Work Day 1, May 17th success: 10 workers, all TC members or previous volunteers, completed the inaugural 300 LF of Pittman Trail from GMF Rd. at the Joyland parking lot to behind the first Joyland structure. A foot bridge was built to route hikers over the parking lot drainage ditch. All workers complied with public health directives and maintained social distance.
  - Ochkie, Morrow and Piazza completed the Pittman trail on west side of Joyland
  - Blasi gathered and removed 8 coils of rusted barbed wire from Mt. Dewey between the Knob and the Spiritual Platform.
  - 2x Vigilante Days: Walker, Smith, Schillinger and Blasi fixed major Catamount Trail deficiencies: shored up loose rock walls, diverted hikers off incorrect social trails, pruned overgrowth, installed multiple blue can lid signs.
  - Blasi provided Trails Cmte response to Town Mgr on Ordinance 2020-03 "Concerning Boards, Committees, and Commissions" for Trustee discussion June 16th
  - Pittman Trail- Bratton mapped updated draft route on north side of Red Devil Mtn down to public right-of-way.
  - Blasi fielded question from concerned citizen related to Ute Pass Trail intersection with GMF Rd.
  - Blasi provided laminated and regular hiking maps to 'Tye Dye Java' business, newly opened at the old Duckies store location.
  - Deutsch and Zirgeses cleaned slash from Angels Trail and Blasi moved it all to slash site
7. **TC Website and Maps-**
  - Lohman reports that our website had about a thousand hits in the last reporting period and he is concerned about the increased trails usage. On Facebook about 400 people looked at the TC workdays and he expects more people to sign up to work.
  - Blasi says he has two boxes of maps that should cover the next 6-8 weeks and Bratton says he has about ¾ of a box. Blasi will send TC members a current electronic map so we can make suggestions for the next map iteration
  - Eley is concerned that too many hikers are using incorrect information from their apps especially on Thomas Trail and are cutting across private property and she wonders if the app makers can be contacted to correct the information. Lohman said he will try to contact AllTrails. Watling notes that hikers may be following what previous hikers recommend rather than the trail as posted on the app.
8. **Education- Trails Watch- Leave No Trace- TBD**
9. **To Do List:**

- Discuss COVID-19 impact to work dates. June 20 (Sat), July 19 (Sun), Aug 15 (Sat), Sept 20 (Sun), Oct 3 (Sat). We will keep current Covid restrictions of having no more than 10 workers and not sharing tools etc.
- Current negative events: graffiti on Catamount Falls (was removed by residents within a day), tree carving by Gazebo Lake, and Eley property inundated with visitors. The Eleys are currently assessing the problem and seeking input from the TC. Blasi recommends that any TC member be respectful and courteous when encountering such situations and when necessary notify the Marshals office.
- Recruit Tech Advisor support x2 for new MHYC Pittman Trail work dates: Sept 14-Oct 1 (Mon to Thurs). Ochkie and Brown volunteered
- Check general route of Illinois St right-of-way proposal & conduct clinometer training
- Layout and build Pittman Trail
- Coordinate memorial for Tom McCormick- Lohman sent more ideas
- Build and install trail signs at Bratton/Catamount intersection and Mt. Dewey Summit
- Design and install Catamount trailhead board
- Conduct trails inspections: Crystal- Brown and Blasi
- Order signs: Steve's Bridge, Hughes private Driveway and E Myrtle St

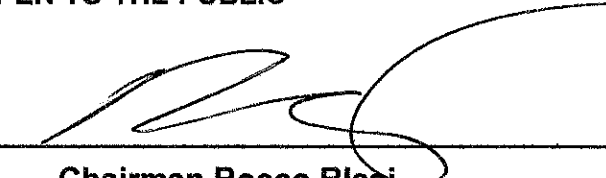
**10. Other-**

- Watling noted that there is a signage requirement at the intersection of Catamount and Ring the Peak Trails. He has seen a number of lost hikers needing help. Blasi and/or Bratton will coordinate with Friends of the Peak to see if signage is possible. Townsend suggested that cairns in that area might help.

**11. NEXT MEETING-** July 9, 2020 via Zoom at 6 pm

**12. ADJOURNMENT** at 6:45 pm.

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**




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**Chairman Rocco Blasi**




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**Secretary Rebecca Ochkie**