

## MST Committee Meeting – July 27, 2021 via Zoom

Mike, Anne, Joel and Stephanie

- Joel
  - Trail maintenance and MST Update
    - Weedlike grass is taking over in places of the trail. Someone used a weed eater around the pond. That section was not scraped a second time which helped in other sections of the trail. The part that was built up is doing well. Section that was re-routed during last workday is still having issues.
    - No big need for a workday anytime soon. However, during next workday could be spent on pond. Need for ~6 people.
    - Sauratown Mountain Trails – re-routing MST into downtown Danbury. Not sure how it is going to tie into Hanging Rock or Danbury.
    - Sherwin Williams now has a relationship with the MST and we may be able to get paint for free if we want to move away from plastic blazes and use paint instead.
    - Joel may go out in a few weeks when it gets cool and weedeat some of the tallest areas on the trail
- Mike
  - Signage
    - Bill Royal emailed Matt Wallace with Guilford County explaining the MST signage plan. Matt is supportive of more signage in the Cascades and the surrounding area and understands the need to be consistent.
    - Mike showed an example of a kiosk that was built for the MST near Falls Lake in Raleigh. It may be a good opportunity for an Eagle Scout Project to build a kiosk at new parking lot on Linville Road.
    - There are four posts along the Headwaters Trail in the designated spots. There are five posts to be added to the Cascades. Mike will begin work on that project later in the summer or early in the fall.
    - Bill Royal is taking the lead on the permanent signs.
- Anne
  - Outdoor Adventure Day that had been in planning has been cancelled
  - Bill Royal has connected with Ashley at Red Oak but has not been able to schedule a date with Bill Sherrill. She said that she will continue to try to schedule a meeting with him.
  - Bill Royal and Mike manned an MST table was set-up at the Music at the Park event. Several good connections were made including a conversation with a local Girl Scout Troop who are interested in having someone come to present on the MST and trails efforts.
  - Bill Bruce – Yates Construction will begin on the side path on Pepper Road on September 7. It has been delayed due to materials being on back order. Estimated date for parking lot is late October/November.
  - Bill Bruce – spoke with Matt Wallace. Guilford County is going to be installing a camera in the parking lot at the Cascades to monitor/evaluate traffic. That will give an idea on

how many more parking spaces are needed. Once, that is determined, more thought will be given to moving the parking lot to a safer area. Matt also wants to look at the materials for the signage and wants to make sure that the safety information is only on the designated MST route through the Cascades. He also said that he would schedule time with Joel to walk the Headwaters Trail to map the trail with GPS.

- When it comes time to open the parking lot and Headwaters Trail – consider gifts for the volunteers who have worked a lot of hours to build a trail
- Next steps – regular meeting in August.