

## **Oak Ridge MST Committee Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes | August 27, 2024**

The August 2024 meeting of the Oak Ridge MST Committee was held August 27, 2024 at the Oak Ridge Town Hall.

Two Eagle Scout projects were presented for approval by the committee. The first is a bridge to be built in the new section of trails behind Carriage Cove. It will be modeled after the Eagle Scout bridge built on another section of the trail and estimated start date is November. The MST Committee approved the plan and look forward to seeing the project both in progress and complete.

Joel Deaton reported that the August 17<sup>th</sup> workday went well and was very efficient. Prior to the workday, he had scouted the areas that needed work. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, he divided the volunteers into groups and assigned each group an area on which to focus. Thanks to this pre-planning, work was completed on all areas in record time. In total, 30 trees were cleared from the trails in the Cascades and on the Headwaters Trail. One additional area needs attention and Joel will handle it himself in the next few weeks.

The other Eagle Scout project presented is a plan to refurbish and enhance the MST campsite at Oak Ridge Town Park. A new gravel pad is planned along with a stand to house a journal for through hikers to use to document their stay. In addition, a hammock stand will be added, and the area will be tidied. The MST Committee approved the project pending feedback from both the Park Superintendent and feedback/approval from the Parks & Rec committee. Timeline and start date will be dependent on their feedback. The Scout has started raising the funds for this project.

Work continues to establish a parking lot for the Carriage Cove trails. Bill Bruce will update the committee as progress is made.

The MST Committee will be participating in the Heritage Day event on September 21. The plan is to give away bamboo walking sticks to booth visitors. Kids will be encouraged to decorate their sticks. Thanks to Joel Deaton for once again retrieving and cutting the bamboo to make this giveaway possible. MST Committee members will be splitting the shifts between them.

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.