

Friends of Timbercrest

Work Weekend Report

October 6-8, 2017

Project Kitchen: Bill McIntyre

Bill cooked meals Friday dinner through Sunday lunch. Meals were paid for by generous donations from Friends who couldn't be there (Carol Barnes, Amy McElhinney, and Erica Tener), as well as smaller donations from those of us who were there. We ate well! Thank you Bill for cooking and to all for contributing to the food fund.



Project Buddy Board: Jude Klock

Jude did this project all on her own. She unscrewed all the little hooks, scrapped peeling paint, repainted and sealed, and re-attached all the hooks. She did not have a fine enough paintbrush for the lettering and hopes to do that with a paint marker in the spring.



Project Lake Trail: Sara Thompson, Natasha and Allan Patchen, Anita Gaston

Some sections of the trail were re-routed to higher ground, or areas less susceptible to flooding and/or erosion. A couple of bench-cuts were made. Trees were cut, and the trail was cleared from the trailhead near the horse corral to the peninsula (aka Gypsy's Point). The team followed the current blazes (red, and pink) where possible. The rerouted sections are marked with bright orange surveyor's tape. The trail was laid out to the powerline. Still looking for the best place to cross the powerline. Locations for "big" bridges and smaller foot bridges have been marked.



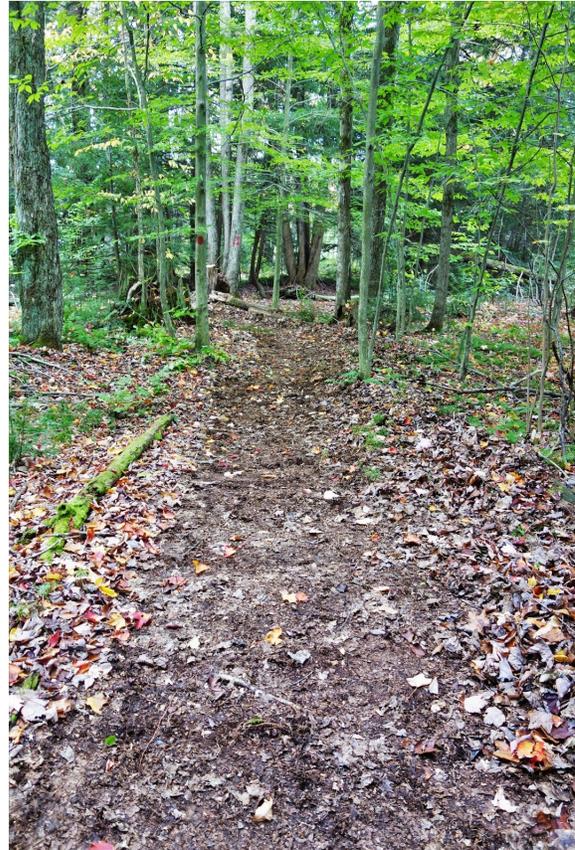
Sara expressed that she is willing to come back and work with older girls to show them how to lay out a trail and use trail tools (generously loaned by Trail Pittsburgh). Jennifer will put Sara in touch with Kim Turner who is working on the Camp Timbercrest map, as Sara can provide an

illustrator file from which Kim can work that is based on our GPS trails and marks.

Special thanks goes to Allan Patchen for bringing and using his chainsaw, and to Sara for securing the loan of the trail tools from Trail Pittsburgh.

It will probably take another full work day with chainsaw and trail tools to get the trail from the peninsula to the road in the same shape as the first part of the trail. It will take time to raise money for all the bridges we would like to put in. (Bob Mann thinks we have enough for that first one, though! So, Yay!)

A suggestion was made to put a signpost at the intersection of the Lake Trail and the spur out to Gypsy Point with individual signs point the way and marking the miles to Gypsy Point, Sunset, Jackman Lodge, Bellinger Lodge, and maybe, just to make it fun, Sangam, Our Chalet, Our Cabana, Pax Lodge, Seven Hills, Piperwood... etc. (It might actually be fun to have similar signposts at other junctions on camp!



Project Strawberry Hill: Ro Woodard, Rob Thompson, Dave and Kathy Moller, Terry Saye, Dawn Cicchini, Mary Beth Mazzone, Betsy Vinton, Paulette Morein, Amy Jo and Wayne Dorler, Dee Wilson, Meagan Wilson, Danay Marsh, Jennifer Schlick.

We had a two-fold purpose for felling trees in Strawberry Hill: aesthetics and safety. Aesthetically, we wanted to cut trees on the hill below the road to create a viewscape. There is now a view of Keyser Lake from the pavilion. Regarding safety, we wanted to take down dead, leaning, and aging trees that posed a threat to the cabents and tents in the unit because either they would fall, or their branches would drop onto the structures



below. Another consideration was getting at least some sunlight to the roofs of the structures to prevent the growth of mold, moss, and mildew.

While we made good progress, it will probably take another whole weekend with a similar amount of work to finish Strawberry Hill. Sunset will require a similar amount of work in the unit itself, and considerably MORE work if a viewscape is desired for that unit, as many more trees block the view.



We chipped some of the smaller branches with a small 2-inch chipper loaned by Jamestown resident Rick Lundquist. A substantial pile of other branches was placed on the lake side of the road behind some of the hawthornes there. The firewood was sorted during the stacking with dead stuff that can be burned right away placed near the fire pit, but other piles that will need seasoning and/or splitting placed closer to the road to make it convenient for the splitter.

In addition to Rick Lundquist for the use of his chipper, a special thanks goes out to Dave Moller and Terry Saye who came with their own chainsaws and fuel.

Project This and That: Jennifer Schlick

Jennifer picked up the trash that has been laying in the woods just where the road to the units starts from Circle Road. NOTE: while we carried out all our trash, this trash did go into the dumpster, along with a mattress we found at Strawberry Hill that was full of holes spilling mouse droppings and live fleas. Had hoped to also remove broken nest boxes, but never got to that.

Project Paint: Barb Conklin, Dee Willson, Megan Wilson, Danay Marsh, Amy Jo and Wayne Dorler.

With brushes and rollers, this crew was able to finish the Infirmary. If they had a compressor and sprayer, they feel confident they could have finished all three cabins in half the time it took them to do the one. Danay Marsh's boyfriend has a compressor and is willing to bring it out if we can schedule a time.



On Sunday, Barb put a coat of paint on the bench that sits outside the Infirmary. That bench needs some repair, however!

Project Publicity: Cristie Herbst

Cristy was out on Saturday to take some photographs for publicity purposes. (I really hope she has better pictures to share than these I snapped!)

Project Dam: Contracted Help

This was not our project, but we were very happy to see that the Council had hired someone to clear brush from the face of the dam.



Conversations and Official Business:

Throughout the weekend, we talked a good deal about the future of this Friends group and generated ideas for other work and program events. The only bit of official business that was discussed was asking the donors who sent money to help pay for food, who were originally told any leftover money would go to the Bridge Fund, if they would be OK with having go toward opening a Friends of Timbercrest checking account. As of 10/8, an email was sent to the donors. If permission is granted, a bank account will be opened sometime this month.

Ideas generated for other projects will be recorded in a separate document.
The group would like to convene another work party in April 2018.

Participants:

Dawn Cicchini, Pittsburgh, PA
Barb Conklin, Falconer, NY
Amy Jo Dorler, Stockton, NY
Wayne Dorler, Stockton, NY
Anita Gaston, Penn Yann, NY
Cristie Herbst, Westfield, NY
Jude Klock, Middleport, NY
Danay Marsh, Little Valley, NY
Mary Beth Mazzone, Ashville, NY
Bill McIntyre, Fredonia, NY
Dave Moller, Russell, PA
Kathy Moller, Russell, PA
Paulette Morein, Dunkirk, NY
Allan Patchen, Knoxville, TN
Natasha Patchen, Knoxville, TN
Terry Saye, Bemus Point, NY
Jennifer Schlick, Jamestown, NY
Rob Thompson, Pittsburgh, PA
Sara Thompson, Pittsburgh, PA
Betsy Vinton, Rochester, NY
Dee Wilson, Mt Morris, NY
Meagan Wilson, Mt Morris, NY
Ro Woodard, Coeyman's Hollow, NY

With assistance from:

Carol Barnes, Tioga Center, NY
Rick Lundquist, Jamestown, NY
Amy McElhinney, West Charlton, NY
Erica Tener, Mt Tremper, NY

Finances to Date:

					357.00	(260.07)	(63.99)
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Date	Description	Amount	Acct	Balance	Income	Food	Supplies
9/21/2017	Donation	100.00	1	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
9/21/2017	Donation	150.00	1	250.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
9/26/2017	Donation	40.00	1	290.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
9/28/2017	Painting Supplies	(53.42)	3	236.58	0.00	0.00	(53.42)
10/7/2017	Additional Donations	67.00	1	303.58	67.00	0.00	0.00
10/7/2017	Food for Work Weekend	(260.07)	2	43.51	0.00	(260.07)	0.00
10/6/2017	Painting Supplies, Matches, Meat Thermometer	(42.04)	3	1.47	0.00	0.00	(42.04)
10/10/2017	Return unused Painting supplies	31.47	3	32.94	0.00	0.00	31.47