

Walden Parks Committee

August 2026 Monthly Meeting

Date: August 12th, 6-7 pm; Walden Town Hall

Attendees: Lance Pope, Larry Skaggs, Luke Iverson, Karen Stone, Christian Tartaglia, Carolyn Longphre

Minutes: Christian

Introduction of new members: n/a

General Business:

- meeting started at 6:06pm.
- meeting minutes from June were unanimously approved.

Updates:

Mabbitt Spring

- Trail is in good shape, except it is muddy and not draining well just below where the SECC work was completed.
- The question about getting SECC out to look at and provide an estimate to address the section mentioned above, as well as the section just after the “big step down” was brought up.
- fountain; concrete pad is poured and the infrastructure is in place. the fountain will be delivered August 24th.
- Carolyn brought to the committees attention that Kudzu is getting established and is visible on the trail. she will reach out to the agricultural extensions office for information on how to best remove the Kudzu and will get back to the Committee with her findings. additionally she feels the “Big Step Down” could use a handrail or possibly new steps. she also felt some of the canopy along the trail just down stream from the step down might need to be elevated and cleaned up.
- The committee agreed that a trail day is in order and should be scheduled for sometime in the fall once things cool down a bit.

Falling Water:

- The trail seems to be in good shape but there is some broken glass at the start of the new SECC trailhead.
- Luke made an excellent map and said he will add the recommended loop to it.
- Kiosk needs a new piece of plexiglass and some brown touchup paint.

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- Karen got a couple of quotes for the new sign addition. Currently it is looking to be about \$500 total with install, but she will get three (3) in writing.
- fountain; Mark ran into issues installing the infrastructure and will need to hammer through a rock layer to get the service line to the pad site, and then will pour the concrete.

Griffiss Park:

- Tree work was completed by Leslie Millwood and it looks very good.
- Lance wants to invite Leslie to the Town Hall to commend the excellent value he provides and the work he did.

Signs:

- see note above for FW.
- Disc golf signage was approved at the last meeting.

New Business/Follow Up:

- Disc Golf Course:
 - Need to schedule a work day in the fall to do some clean up prior to the signage vendor coming out and making their signs and trail maps for the course.

No further updates.

Next meeting is August 2nd.

Adjourn meeting at 7:07 pm.