

# Jefferson City Trail Users

Notes from the November 18, 2020 Meeting  
Subway on West Edgewood

Attending: Lori Henley, Kathleen Henley, Brandy Bergthold, Celeste Koon

1. Kathleen Henley reported the treasury balance is now \$444.70 and membership is the same as previously.
2. There are currently 204 members in the Facebook group.
3. Fundraising is being done on social media this year since most festivals were cancelled. So far, selling pictures there has brought in about \$45 to be used for trail improvements.
4. The trail improvements hike held on November 15 at Frog Hollow identified 5 places where trail work is needed. Two improvements from previous years will also be done. Celeste will check on when the trail conditions sign that the Trail Users funded will be installed.
5. Celeste relayed information from Greg Harris, the director of the non-profit Rock Island Trail, Inc. Basically, the State Parks Foundation has formed a fundraising team and is working to raise the \$9.8 million that State Parks needs to accept the Rock Island right-of-way by December 2021.
6. ORTA work at Binder Lake continues and much of the new trail on the east side of the lake has been completed.
7. Once again, no news was available about the proposed walking trail in the woods behind the new fire station on East McCarty. The group discussed how to call attention to the trail, and a letter to the Parks Director was proposed. The letter would restate the group's interest in the trail and provide an offer to assist with it. Since the meeting, Celeste was able to talk with Todd Spalding, the Parks Director. He says the opposition to the trail is steadfast and a more detailed plan is needed before a trail can be developed. It is not certain when a plan can be completed, but the plan needs to highlight the benefits of the trail and address the neighbors' concerns about it.
8. The group reviewed a letter that was sent to Missouri State Parks commending them for their excellent work repairing the Katy Trail after the flood.
9. There will be a Get Acquainted hike at Three Creeks near Columbia at 1:00 pm on January 16, 2021.
10. The next meeting date will be January 13th, from 6-7 pm.