

Jefferson City Trail Users

June 19, 2024 Meeting
Last Flight Brewing Co.

Those attending were Les Fortenberry, Rick Thom, Kevin Schwartz, Ben Hinz, Mike and Jane Lester, Kathleen Henley, and Celeste Koon.

1. Kathleen reported that the checking account has \$1290.30 and there are 21 paid members. She recently filed the required annual documents with the Secretary of State's office.
2. Facebook followers – 2.3K; Celeste said 5-10 people ask to become followers each day.
3. Kiosk improvements and map update – Kevin Schwartz with JC Parks showed a prototype map for the trails at Binder Park. Various features were discussed and the group appreciated the work that has been done. Maps may be available before fall. Kevin also reported that parks staff are considering how to design new kiosks and will be involved constructing the kiosks. Costs are not known for the signs or the kiosks but the Jefferson City Trail Users will continue to raise money that can be contributed to these projects.
4. A Community Hike will be held on July 13th at 9:00 am at Memorial Park. Meet near the park's entrance sign. The August Community Hike will be held on August 3rd at 9:00 am on the Problem Child Trail at Binder Lake. Meet in the grassy parking lot across from the campground entrance.
5. There will be a Get Acquainted Hike on June 23rd at Painted Rocks. Meet at 2:00 pm at the Gerbes East parking lot if you might be interested in carpooling or at 2:30 pm at the Painted Rocks Parking lot. Bring plenty of water and spray for ticks. This is a 1.5-mile hike.
6. Weed-eating is needed on the Binder trails. Those willing to work an hour will start from the bait shop on June 27th at 5:00 pm or later. Call 573-644-3199 to find out which part of the trails need weed-eating when you get there. Beyond weed-eating, it would be helpful to have people throw limbs and storm debris off the trails as they hike.
7. Les Fortenberry and Rick Thom took three officials from JC Parks hiking on the Frog Hollow Trail on May 30th. More hiking will be held when the weather is cooler so more people with JC Parks can come tour the trail.
8. The Trail Users Committee that prepares pictures for the fall fundraiser will start working in July. The deadline for photos to be submitted is July 15th. This deadline will be publicized on Facebook and the group's website.
9. Rick Thom reported he had further interaction with the manager of Gerbes West on native plants and trees.

10. Mike Lester noted that Missouri River Relief will be working with students at Thorpe Gordon Elementary School this fall. There will be an event on August 27th where volunteers will be needed. More information will be sent out closer to the date.
11. The new MOU between JC Parks and the Missouri Department of Conservation regarding Binder Lake was discussed. It is not known if the shorebird area will be affected. A field trip for Parks staff to the shorebird area in September was proposed.
12. The next meeting will be held on July 17th at 5:00 PM at Last Flight Brewing Co.