

Jefferson City Trail Users

Meeting Summary April 16, 2025

Last Flight Brewing Co.

Those attending were Les Fortenberry, Julie Allen, Celeste Koon, Mike and Jane Lester, Kathleen Henley, and Rick Thom.

1. Kathleen reported the treasury has \$471.30. There are currently only 10 members who have paid dues for the year which started April 1. Celeste will follow up with others who paid dues last year and will also ask again on Facebook for people to join for the coming year.
2. There are 3,539 followers and 1,117 visitors for the group's Facebook page. (We don't know how Facebook determines these categories.)
3. The next Community Hike will be held at 1:30 pm on May 4. Meet at the shorebird area on Henwick Lane at Binder Lake. The dates of future Community Hikes have been listed in the JC Parks program guide. The dates for the next few months will be June 7, July 12, and August 9.
4. A Get Acquainted Hike where dogs can come will be held at 4:00 pm on May 26 at Scrivner Conservation Area. Dogs must be on a leash. More details will follow.
5. Serve JC offers free pancakes and many opportunities to do volunteer work near trails. You can sign up online for the event which will be held on April 26.
6. Jane Lester will represent the group at the Earth Day celebration in Columbia. She will take information to hand out.
7. Les and Celeste went hiking with Phil Stiles from JC Parks on the western end of the Frog Hollow Trail. The hike is being offered again on April 25 to other Parks officials since they may not have seen the trail before.
8. National Trails Day is June 7. The group decided to promote the Trails Less Traveled Challenge as an activity for that day.
9. Ashley Wiskirchen from Parks has been working hard on the Trails Challenge 2025 and registration is underway. The deadline to order a t-shirt is April 22. Her email report will be forwarded.
10. Two candidates who are supportive of JC Parks and trails were elected in the city council election. One is Julie Allen who often comes to the Trail Users meetings. The other is Derek Thomas.
11. Three greenways are under construction. As each one is completed, we will notify the group members so they can go visit. A suggestion was made to add another greenway connection to County Park when the greenway on Wildwood is done.

12. It is not known whether federal funds for alternative transportation such as greenways will continue.
13. Les reported that he and Kevin Schwartz and Ben Hines from JC parks repaired a washed out turn just above the glade on the Frog Hollow trail. This has been needed for a few years.
14. Ha Ha Tonka State Park has been nominated for the best park in the nation. Missouri State Parks is encouraging people to vote daily through May 12. The contest is for a USA Today Reader's Choice award. Voting is on line. Google USA Today 10 Best State Parks and you will see how to vote.
15. The next meeting will be May 21, from 5-6 pm at Last Flight Brewing.