

- b. Need to see if we can get the better route down to Willowbrook we talked to them about many years ago
- 6. Domine Trail – Talked to Sunny today and the papers are there. She just needs to get the manager to sign. I told her to call me and send a copy to the Town once they are signed. I also told her that it would be nice to have a ribbon cutting at the Lehigh entrance to the trail while the fall colors were vibrant.
- 7. Seneca Trail South
 - a. Left word with Ebbet to give me a call as to where we stand on signing the revocable permit/
 - b. Judson section of trail from Apple Farm to abandoned section of Cherry Street
 - i. Mowed and ready for blazing. Since it is mostly in the open we will use a lot of stakes
 - ii. This section will need frequent mowing like Auburn Creek
 - c. Trail around beaver pond
 - i. Hope to get retiree group to do some clearing to make it easier to mow
 - ii. Will still need to do cut and fill on part of the trail unless we move it all to the top of the hill – which is another possibility
 - d. DeVal section of the trail from the abandoned section of Cherry Street south to Boughton Park
 - i. Verbal permission is there once the Judsons sign off
 - ii. Another open section that will need mowing frequently
 - iii. Still have not walked this section completely
 - iv. Will need mowing, culvert work, clearing and blazing – hopefully we can complete this fall
 - v. Since much of it will be open also, next year’s maintenance schedule will have to take that into account
 - e. In my opinion, parking on abandoned section of Cherry Street and Town Line needs to be discouraged
 - f. Any interest in seeing if we can get landowner permission to opening up the trail to mountain bikes
 - i. I have mentioned it to Peter while at Ring of Fire and he said that is something that could work if we modified certain parts to be more sustainable
 - ii. I have not mentioned this idea to any of the other landowners
 - iii. GROC could be a real help in maintaining this trail since it gets them to Boughton
- 8. Dryer Road Park to School Street
 - a. Need to install chicanes either side of Fort Hill to discourage bike traffic over Fort Hill
 - b. We have permission to design and implement new trail from School Street to Dryer Road Park that is sustainable
 - i. Get together will – Peter, Brian, Rick W, and others
 - ii. Flag trail

- iii. May or may not be appropriate to have retiree group work on this trail since trail clearing is probably less a factor than cut and fill
- 9. GPS – now that we have a GPS unit, what trails need more accurate readings for the VHT dynamic mapping that Jeff has done such a wonderful job on?
- 10. Boy Scout Eagle Projects
 - a. Spoke with Phil White from Troop 60 and received the following email
Phil White here, we met yesterday at hang around victor day. I'm the Scoutmaster for troop 60 and I have some boys who are looking for potential Eagle projects. Do you have a listing of trail improvements that the club would like to see? If so can you share it with me? It is a lot easier for the boys to select something concrete than to just call up and ask to help.
 - I am also wondering if you have any members who might like to share some hiking know-how and any experiences they have with the boys. We have a few hikes coming up in the next month and it might be nice to have the boys get some information from a few different sources.**
 - b. I am working on a project list and will send to him
- 11. Schedule the Board/Maintenance Crew end of normal maintenance dinner – make sure we do it soon while Jeff is still in town
- 12. Fishers Park
 - a. Ball Diamond Bridge
 - i. Not sure where we stand with DEC, however, we will not have time to do the job as planned this year.
 - ii. Suggest that we clear the debris and lift the old bridge in a manner similar to what was done before as a temporary fix so it can be used during the winter and replaced next summer
 - iii. Alternatives if DEC refuses to allow bridge
 - b. Swamp Trail Boardwalk – good scout project
 - i. I have a couple of 2 x 12s that we could throw down in a couple of the muddier areas
 - c. Small Bridges behind Freelanders
 - i. Should not need a permit
 - ii. Too small for eagle project
 - iii. Good small project for community service
- 13. MVP
 - a. Showed Dan Wilson the Trolley Trail to Park connection bridge which would be a good project for the retirees and/or an eagle project

Monkey Run - Ruts smoothed out
Needs signs at
gas pipeline.

Notes for VHT meeting 9/17/09

1. Reopen Auburn collapsed culvert section
 - a. I believe that closing the culvert section is counter to our long term goals of making the trail accessible
 - b. What if we opened it by constructing a temporary stair-deck-stair traverse with rails on both sides of the stair sections as well as the deck
 - i. The current culvert is not in danger of imminent collapse as far as I can see and the major concern was the crazies riding over the roots on the west side
 - ii. The stair sections would be attached to the slope using driven posts
 - iii. The deck section would be attached to the stair sections in such a way that in the unlikely event that the culvert completely failed the three sections would act like a unit. Kind of like a bottle stopper in the opening.
 - c. Look at alternative pedestrian/bike bridge design that would bridge the gap 1.5 times the height of the embankment plus an additional 10 feet.
 - i. Get estimated length when mowing on Sunday
 - ii. Possible designs
 1. Combination wood truss/under cable suspension bridge
 2. Hanson steel truss bridge
2. Auburn Trail Extension in general
 - a. Need to give positive support for project to Town Board Members
3. Lehigh Trail from trestle to Lehigh Crossing Park parking area
 - a. Out of VHT hands since this needs heavy equipment and hauling of much material
 - b. It would be great if this could be done this fall so the trail can be better utilized.
 - c. Brian and Troy will need to work together on this so give them both positive support for this project
4. Scala Property
 - a. "How do we protect the current northern end of the Seneca Trail?"
 - b. Do we need to?
 - i. Is it already protected under the Benderson deal
 - ii. Are there alternative routes
 - c. Purchase property
 - i. Possible below market price because of partial charitable gift
 - ii. Resell with easement
 - iii. Asking price
 - iv. What about environmental concerns
 - v. Where to get money
 - d. Purchase easement only
5. Benderson connection
 - a. need to touch bases with them to talk about the connection to the Seneca Trail from the plaza