

MINUTES OF GREENWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
March 2, 2016

Attended by: Ronny Hardaway, Chair
Phil Dankert, Member
Deborah Dawson, Secretary

Guests: Roger Hopkins, Town of Lansing Trails Committee
Ruth Hopkins, Town of Lansing Trails Committee
Katrina Binkewicz, Town of Lansing Councilperson

Ronny Hardaway called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

No members of the public were in attendance.

Hardaway welcomed guests Roger and Ruth Hopkins and Katrina Binkewicz, all of whom have been involved in a citizens' effort to create a comprehensive trail system in the Town of Lansing.

The Hopkins presented an overview of the trails created by that effort to date, and plans to build a new 2-mile trail circuit on property (owned by Town resident Jack Young) east of Route 34 and south of Asbury Road. Young has been instrumental in acquiring property for trails and negotiating trail easements from other property owners, so that a continuous system of trails running from north of the Town center to the Town/Village boundary can be constructed. The points at which Town and Village trail systems could connect will/would be at:

- Burdick Hill and N.Triphammer Roads;
- Bush Lane at the Millcroft subdivision;
- Leslie Lane and Rosina Drive; and
- The southern end of the Autumn Ridge subdivision.

The most promising connection point for the two trail systems would be at Burdick Hill and N.Triphammer Roads. The east side of N.Triphammer is sparsely developed from Burdick Hill Rd. south to the Village sidewalk that ends north of the Village Hall. A stone dust walking trail could be constructed relatively inexpensively to connect the Town trail to the Village sidewalk. It would not require a great deal of maintenance, and could be left unplowed in the winter. The Town and the Village could submit one or more joint grant proposals to fund the design, acquisition, and construction costs. Ruth Hopkins offered to try to set up a meeting with Town Supervisor Ed LaVigne before she and Roger leave for an extended vacation next week. The Hopkins, Binkewicz, Hardaway, Dankert, and Dawson were all interested in attending.

The most problematic connection point is at Autumn Ridge. Apparently, the Town reserved an easement between two lots at the southern end of the subdivision. However, the lot between Autumn Ridge and Burdick Hill Road is in the Village, and does not show an easement from Autumn Ridge to Burdick Hill Road. The Committee will have to investigate this problem.

After the guests left, Hardaway reviewed the Committee's progress on the action items from the January meeting. Most of them remain to be accomplished. Hardaway did contact Mayor Hartill about planning for the Village park on the Dart Property; the Mayor responded that he wants to leave a lot of the park area "natural." Dankert and Dawson noted concerns, expressed by Dart Drive residents whose properties border on the Dart Property, that the property is full of dead trees and nasty undergrowth. Under the circumstances, leaving "natural" spaces may well require clearing out the dead trees and undergrowth and doing some replanting. This is something the Committee will have to investigate. Dankert will contact Cornell's landscape architecture program(s) to see if they can assist us with park planning and planting. Dawson suggested that the Committee should hold a public hearing to solicit residents' input on desirable park amenities; Hardaway and Dankert agreed that public input was essential.

Since the majority of the Committee members were absent, Hardaway deferred discussion of the Tompkins County Tourism Program's new "Beautification, Signage and Public Art Plan" until the next meeting.

At Dankert's request, Hardaway agreed to send reminders to Committee members one week before Committee meetings.

Hardaway adjourned the meeting at 4:07 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 30
3:00 pm
Village Hall

Action items: Monaghan to obtain a digital copy of the YMCA's running maps
Gillott to approach Miller to discuss easement.
Hardaway to obtain Village map from TCPD
Mohaghan to provide graphic modification of map
Dankert to make inquiries with respect to Cornell contact(s)
Hardaway to discuss park planning with Mayor Hartill
Hardaway to send out meeting reminders one week in advance