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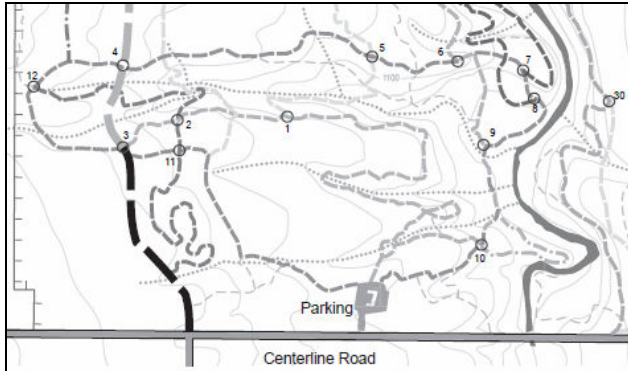
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THE FRIENDS OF HUNTERS CREEK (www.hunters-creek.org)

New Intersection Signs

By Jonathan Moscato

New intersection signs were installed within the park in an effort to simplify trail navigation when using the map, as well as improve search and rescue. Jon Sundquist and Jonathan Moscato put up 48 intersection signs on Saturday, April 4th.



Map showing some of the new intersections

Special thanks to Peter Tarnawskij and Ben Clauss for ordering the signs. This lasting park improvement was funded by a generous donation in memory of Dale Kingston.

The intersection signs are 6" X 6" aluminum with brown background and reflective yellow numbering. One hundred blanks were ordered as well as reflective numbers, so replacements can be installed as needed.

Trail Maps & Distribution Boxes

Peter Tarnawskij put up a single map distribution box and printed up some maps

for the box. The locations of the 3 boxes will be at intersections #45, 10 and 11.

Jon Sundquist will put up intersection numbers on the kiosk's plexiglass map. 500 black and white maps will be ordered from Kevin Preston. A sign will be made that shows in "memory of Dale Kingston" will be erected.

Spring Trail Work Day

Saturday, June 13th - Meet at the Centerline Road Parking Lot at 10 AM.

Bring tools, water, gloves. E-mail reminders will be sent. A reminder will be on the Kiosk....Everyone is welcome to help.

For Info Contact:

Peter Tarnawskij at ltfarm@prodigy.net

Miscellaneous Signs

The informational signs for the kiosk and trail heads will be ordered by Peter Tarnawskij.



Miscellaneous Signs for kiosk and trailheads

Currently the kiosk signs incorrectly show "Hunters Creek Trails Park." A potential project could be to change the sign name on the kiosk to "Hunters Creek Park."

Potential Funding Mechanism

A potential FOHC funding mechanism was discussed. The idea was to print colored maps and sell them at local stores such as Vidler's.

During the spring meeting it was proposed to sell the colored maps for \$5.00 and keep \$3.00 for FOHC. The store locations for buying the maps could be displayed on the Kiosks as well as the web site. This topic will be on the agenda for the fall meeting.

Trail Lettering Trial

It was decided during the meeting to obtain user feedback on the trail intersection signs and further discuss the trail lettering option this fall.

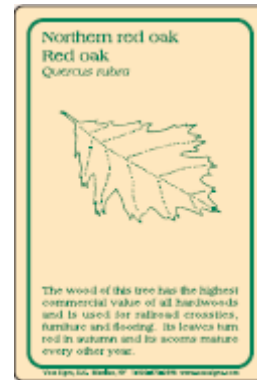
FOHC Charter

It was discussed during the spring meeting that FOHC should consider creating a mission statement, charter, or park management plan. This document would describe the long term mission and purpose of FOHC as well as its roles and responsibilities, in order to help FOHC make future decisions. FOHC roles and responsibilities may include the responsibility to maintain the map and Kiosks, organize trail work days, trail system signs, website, newsletter, and communication with the Erie County Parks Department. This item will be discussed during the fall meeting.

Tree Trail Proposal

By Peter Tarnawskyj

While looking at the sign order Jonathan sent me I decided to browse the Voss Signs catalog and refresh my memory of what signs we were ordering. I ran across a page that had 4X6 tree identification signs.



Tree Trial Sign

Looking at these signs I thought it would be great if we could designate a "tree trail" that had a good variety of all the trees in the park and put signs on one of each species to educate folks in the park about the types of trees that grow there.

Since I don't know squat about trees (other than how to plant them and cut them down) I figured we needed someone or a group of knowledgeable folks to go out and do the actual identification so we put the right signs on the right trees.

I thought maybe a "tree roundup day" this summer where we ask some folks that know trees to walk a few of the major trails and identify a bunch of trees we could mark. We could purchase some signs for trees we definitely know are in the park and place them when trees are identified. We could order additional signs for any additional trees we identify.

Kiosk Postings

It was discussed to use the kiosk as a way for FOHC to communicate with the park users. We will need a volunteer who lives close to the park to thumbtack the postings.

Posting should include:

1. Future Trail Work Days for this year.
2. Newsletter / Future Meeting Dates.
3. Map distribution locations within the park.
4. How to obtain colored maps.
5. FOHC website address.

FOHC 2009 Elections

Jonathan Moscato has agreed to serve as chairperson for another year. Linda Tarnawskyj will continue to do the minutes/E-mails. She can be reached at ltpfarm@prodigy.net. Jon Sundquist will continue as webmaster. Peter Tarnawskyj will continue as the treasurer.

Fall 2009 Meeting Agenda

Items for discussion at the fall meeting:

- Intersection sign user feedback
- Trail Lettering Trial
- FOHC Charter
- Tree Trail Proposal
- Potential Funding Mechanisms

Additional agenda items should be sent to Jonathan Moscato at jdmoscato@yahoo.com.

About FOHC

The Friends of Hunters Creek (FOHC) was founded as a volunteer community group to help address issues with park access and the trail system.

FOHC works with the Erie County Parks Department. FOHC is always looking for new members. Check the Kiosks or

www.hunters-creek.org for more information.

Map Links

www.hunters-creek.org/northern.pdf

www.hunters-creek.org/southern.pdf

www.hunters-creek.org/hunter-simplified.pdf