AGENDA
Parks and Natural Resources Special Meeting
12:30PM - Friday, January 10, 2020
Meet at Mt. Hope Park Parking Lot, Rt. 89

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
3. NEW BUSINESS
   3.1. Review of Simpson-Wood Preserve Trail Layout
        Draft Trail Map
        Jim Morrow's Notes on Trail Location
3.2. Other New Business
4. ADJOURNMENT
Personal notes on the proposed trails.

This is a proposed trail net for the Simpson Family Preserve. I have flagged the proposed routes, however there are many places where exact tread way placement will have to be determined. Once exact routes are finalized the trails will need to be mapped.

“Approach Trail”

To Access the property, from the Mt. Hope Park parking area use the trail paralleling Route 89. Leave this trail at the green flagging and cross Route 89, the green flagging continues. There should be a sign at this turn. The road crossing will require some work on the stone wall to facilitate getting to the road shoulder. The ideal would have a crossing similar to the one on 195 at Liberty Bank with cross walk and blinking lights.

Simpson Loop Trail (green flagged / green line with short section blue line)

- At a white pine seeding marked with three piece of green flagging the trail spits. These notes are traveling clockwise that is taking the left branch.
- Stream crossing these are natural stepping stones in place. This will require either a bridge, or improvement of the stepping stone. The bridge would be about 15 feet with the possibility of mid span supports.
- There is a short wet area. I have not located a feasible by pass so tread way improvement should be considered. Possible approach is a corduroy covered with dirt along the edge.
- Very close to where the route joins the main logging trail the proposed Pine Knoll Spur junction should have form of sign, however careful blazing may be adequate. Junction marked with both green and yellow flagging.
- Wet area this. A little hand digging may improve drain enough to migrate this area.
- Second junction with the Pine Knoll Spur. Junction marked with both green and yellow flagging.
- Junction with Cairn Trail Junction marked with both green and yellow flagging.
- Large wet area. The route pass thought the narrow point of one of the major area on the property. This section is passable by careful walking but a board walk would be a good.
- I have reroute the trail at this point, although still flagged in new route is shown in blue. The reroute more interesting then as it passes ledges.
- Junction with Cross Over Trail marked with green flagging and orange flagging.
- Second junction with Cross Over Trail marked with green flagging and orange flagging. It this area flagged route of the as the Simpson Loop and Cross Over trail were close enough to cause confusion.
- In this area we should consider moving the trail route closer to the property boundary, then I have flagged. This is especially true as the route approached the second junction with the cairn trail. This has water running on the tread way. As this is an old woods road, with effort it could be improved, but it might be easier change the route.
- Second junction with Cairn Trail Junction marked with both green and yellow flagging.
- As the loop trail returns to the split there are several wet areas. It should be possible to improve the major on for easier passage to the left of the trail, to facilitate passage.
- Returned to the split seeding marked with three piece of green flagging

Pine Knoll Spur (yellow flagged / yellow line)

Most of this is a well-established path, except I deviated from this because of a wet section.

Cairn Trail (yellow flagged / yellow line)

This trail provides access the high point with the cairn. My preference would be route it to the lookout point below the cairn, most people will be drawn to the cairn. There is a section where the flagged route deviates from the line showed on the trail.

Cross Over Trail (Red line / orange flagged)

One the ground this is a obvious route along old woods roads, and will require only blazing and light clearing.