

**Unapproved minutes**  
**SPRINGFIELD TRAILS AND RURAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**

**Thursday, August 11, 2022**

**5:30 PM**

**Sheri's**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:44.

Roll Call: Present were Jim Fog (presiding), Josie Hingston, Chuck Gregory, Barbara Schultz and Bettina McCrady

Announcements: September 17th is now the official date of the event.

Approval of minutes of previous meeting: (Hingsgton/ McCrady) Minutes were approved with the correction of typographical errors. Passed unanimously.

Old Business:

**Update on Toonerville Trail Walk/Run preparations**

Jim Fog reported he has: confirmed Stephen Lawrence can time on 9/17 (but not 10/15); arranged to meet Christian tomorrow at 1:30 to set up race registration; e-mailed Chris Merrill; added sponsorship to Rotary Board Agenda and approached another sponsor; got favorable preliminary response from the potential sponsors; and found that no parade permit is needed.

Volunteers— Jim said we are up to date with volunteer recruitment at this time; almost everybody responded within 24 hours of his request to them. Bettina McCrady said she will have her information to Jim tomorrow, Friday the 12th. Josie will get in contact with Steven Lawrence; Bettina will communicate with the Chamber of Commerce.

**Fun run**—Jim said that Josh Dikeman can oversee the Fun Run preceding the main event.

Bettina said the online registration will have QR code capabilities for entrants. She asked Jim to get a copy of the registration form. Josie asked about the need for a parade permit. Jim said it was not necessary, but he will fill one out for our records. Jim will also get the waiver form.

Course map— Jim gave Josie instructions how to make the map. Bettina will send the graphics to Josie.

Bettina reported that she sent the PR information to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and Springfield On The Move. The Chamber will add it to their calendar and send out the information in their September newsletter. She asked if there is any other organization we would like her to send this to. She has informed the Springfield Reporter, and will do the same with the Valley News and a few others.. Adam plans to help.

**Update on invasive species work**— Barbara Schultz reported she talked with Jeff Mobus, Town Manager, who told her to proceed with securing the contractor, a private practice forester. Poison ivy in the right of way can be sprayed. We will be dealing with the dead elms under the rubric of Dutch Elm disease being invasive. Jim asked about the status of the wild mustard situation on Paddock Road. Barbara reported it was too late in the season to stop its

spread. Jim said that the committee will have to address it promptly next spring. Bettina advised contacting John Robison.

**Update on installation of kiosk**— Jim said we will hear from John Bond and Bob Burch. Kevin Spaulding is building and installing them. Jim will talk to Chris Merrill and John Bond about cutting the material for the trail marker waypoint posts.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

the next meeting will be at 5:30 PM, August 25th at the town offices. Agenda:

Call to OrderCalled to order at

Roll Call— John Bond, Barbara Schultz, Jim Fog (presiding), Chuck Gregory, Bettina McCrady and Kristi Morris (ex officio).

Announcements— boundary dispute at water tower site for the third kiosk. The other two are installed.

Approval of minutes of 8/11/22 meeting— deferred until the next meeting.

Old Business

— Update on invasive species countermeasures

—Paddock road wild mustard status

—Toonerville Trail Walk/Run preparations. Josie will have recycling set up, Chuck will help. John Bond will help Adam Middleton on parking. Bettina will handle the “hospitality” issues— food, water, sign-up table; Barbara will help her if possible. Barbara will be marking the course with Chris Merrill and Steven Lawrence, the man handling the timing. The turnaround point will be at the junction of Paddock Road with Spencerf Hollow Road. Jim has five tables. Bettina McCrady brought event posters. Members took them for posting in the community. She announced that the whistles had arrived— the prizes for the pre-race event..

Jim Fog adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

chuck gregory,  
secretary