

Camp Gustin Projects and Needs 2/2/2014

The following four projects were submitted to PTC and then the Army Reserves by the Properties Committee for completion this coming year meeting their criteria of being less than one hundred equipment hours to complete. We are waiting to hear back on their acceptance and in the mean time working details to complete each before year end. These projects were either identified or presented to PTC during our end of season 2013 camp walk through with them.

Parking Lot Repair

This project will repair the damage to the parking lot up to the gate due to the logging. The plan is to re-grade the area and bring in gravel from the pit or from outside camp if necessary to complete the work. No permits are needed for the work. The plan is to just fix the rutting and mud issues during wet season because the long range plan for parking at Gustin includes moving the lot to left hand field at the entrance of camp. This however is a much larger land moving operation that will require plans and permitting.

Needs here include gravel if we cannot use what is on site in the pit and possible hay bales for seeding the hill after work is complete.

Waterfront and council ring erosion control

Both areas have erosion issues that have resulted in safety issues and silt washing into the pond which needs to be stopped. The plan is to either use the telephone poles on site or cut cedar trees in camp and bring in fill with equipment and by hand to repair/replace the steps. A site plan and DEP permit is needed for this project. Sabattus's Code Enforcement Officer has agreed to do a site review with us, Eric Tarbox, and Walt Stinson (Properties Committee Chair) to complete the plans for DEP submission early spring. Code enforcement will verify if the poles can be used. We are in hopes that the reserves can do most of this work with help of volunteers in lesser areas.

Needs here include poles, loam (from in camp or otherwise, rebar, and equipment and volunteers to construct the steps in both areas.

Tree Cutting on the Waterfront Road

Several trees on the waterfront road were identified as either dead or dying and need to be cut down. Sabattus's Code Enforcement Officer has agreed to help us mark these trees at our site review this spring. The plan is to have the Reserves cut the trees at a later date and leave them on site. At a later date volunteers can cut them up by units for use as firewood at Gustin. Brush from this project is either planned to be chipped or burned on site.

Needs here include volunteers to cut up the firewood, stack where needed, brush chipping or burning. A chipper or fire permit for this will need to be secured if anyone has a lead on the chipper.

Pump House Replacement and Leak Repair

We identified that the pump house needs replacement and the pump needs a leak fixed. PTC has put us in contact with someone who has volunteered to fix the leak. The plan is to have the Reserves do the work for the house replacement once materials are secured. I will be going back out to camp to take measurements of the existing house to put together a materials list.

Needs here include plywood, roofing, hardware and possible plumbing/electrical hardware, once a materials list is put together.

Beaver Day 8am Sat April 12 weather permitting (alt date Sat May 3rd).

Site clean-up, trash removal, culvert, cement structure, tires removed, rotted totem poles removed, picnic tables, painting, raking etc.

Additional needs for programming year

Camp signage for sites – using animal names proposed by Friends of Gustin
Mowing during summer –
Docks put in/out during season
Waterfront set up for camp season
Cistern either donated or loaned to camp for hand washing and first aid station during day camp
Units for service projects at camp and adopt-a-spot promotion
Volunteers to assist with security and greeting units camping at Gustin
Improved coordination of the above using PTC master scheduling amongst the Corp
Volunteers to set up a compass and/or geocaching course at Gustin for use by units at camp
Camp information kiosk centrally located at Gustin
New totem poles installed in infield and council ring
Education on property use forms for Camp
Fundraising: patches, t-shirts, donations of materials
Other?

Longer range project discussed at Gustin

Additional pavilion for shelter at camp
Additional latrine(s) in camp on waterfront road
Tent platforms or leanto site(s) at camp to make better use of terrain
Covered platforms for archery and bb ranges
Bridge over the dam either repaired or removed for safety issues
Re-claim the ADA access road to the council ring
First aid lodge and storage building at camp
New well drilled
Parking lot moved

For more information on how you or your unit can help or donate much needed materials/time to the Camp Gustin
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We need many hands to make this needed work happen and I thank you for your support.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the camp to improve programming for all our scouts.