

Catawba Advisory Council

May 2022 Monthly Report

Events and Meetings:

Catawba Island Boat Show – April 29th,30th, May 1st

Advisory Council members (Dorothy Baker, Heidi Cline), community members (Bill Baker, Larry Indorf), Park District board members (Jack Madison, Judy Indorf), and Park District Director (Jannah Wilson) set-up and provided coverage for a Park District/Catawba Islander display at the Boat Show. Display visitors were able to check out the Active Transportation map for Ottawa County, pick up a Catawba Islander Trail brochure, view other printed materials and signage, and discuss the trail with staff and volunteers. Many visitors expressed interest in the trail project.

Catawba Advisory Council meeting – May 25th, 5:30pm at Twin Oast Brewery

Advisory Council members in attendance:

- Dorothy Baker
- Heidi Cline
- Jeff Jadwisiak
- Bob Osterling

Park District board members in attendance:

Jack Madison

Others:

Jannah Wilson, Park District of Ottawa County Executive Director

Meeting Notes:

- The Advisory Council reviewed updated letters of interest for landowners and copies were distributed.
- Jannah Wilson discussed the updated Catawba Advisory Council board resolution. The board resolution states that monthly reports will be required to be completed at submitted to the Park District in order to keep on file.
- The group discussed ways to engage the public in order to gain additional feedback and allow residents voice opinions. The group would like to see additional community involvement with the trail project. Jeff Jadwisiak mentioned using Survey Monkey to as an online survey tool. It could also be linked to the Park District website and social media.
- The group discussed creating and Question and Answer sheet for the trail. It could also be linked to the Park District website. The website could have a Catawba Islander Trail page with information related to the trail project along with an online comments tool (comments would be sent to the Park District e-mail account). The page would also house photos of trail developments and updates.
- The Q and A sheet would also be printed with Park District public meeting schedule on reverse side. The sheets would be available to pick up at the Catawba Island Township Hall.
- The group discussed putting together a winter fundraising event, such as a “Chili Open”.
- The group discussed various ideas for property in the northern section that could be utilized as a trailhead.
- Jannah Wilson discussed the Catawba Master Plan scope that has been put together by Poggemeyer Design Group and distributed the scope sheet.
- The next Catawba Advisory Council meeting will be June 8th at 5:30pm, Rudders.

