

## Meeting notes - Sterling Forest Park Manager, Thurs. January, 10th, 2019

Participants:

Councilpersons Ken English, Michele Lindsay, Sterling Forest Park Manager Michael McElroy

Two new kiosks have been installed by Eagle Scouts at the two parking lots located on the mountain bike trail loop (Red Back - Hutchinson - Munsee/Eagle loop). They are located at the “Caretaker” parking lot (40 cars) located on Long Meadow Road, and the “P16” lot (25 cars) located at the intersection of South Gate Road and Buttonwood Road. It was agreed that the kiosks would be outfitted with additional information regarding parking expectations and Town regulations, as well as more information regarding recreational use.

Information about where to get assistance (automobile, medical, Tuxedo Police, etc.) could be added.

The “Caretaker” parking lot located on Long Meadow Road has space for about 40 cars.

The Visitor Center lot has sufficient space for as many as 100 cars.

The “P16” lot located at the intersection of South Gate Road and Buttonwood Road has space for about 25 cars. This lot recently had a large amount of millings placed there to improve the site. When Ken English and Michele Lindsay visited the site that was recently improved, the access road was damaged by storms and had significant ruts and exposed rock that could discourage drivers from entering the lot. In the actual lot the conditions were good. The kiosk is suitable for public notices and maps that would alert the public regarding the expectations for parking, trail etiquette, etc.

It was pointed out by the Councilpersons that the “Caretaker” lot signage is not clear. It was explained by Mr. McElroy that the name is due to an historic caretaker building located on the site. Councilperson English explained that he always interpreted the sign to indicate that this was a “non-public” area, and that signage could be improved on Long Meadow Road that clarifies the location is for parking for visitors (hikers, bikers, and horseback riders)

Information will be added to the kiosks:

- Alerting visitors who park in either lot that there is another lot on the bike trail to be used if the lot they are in is at capacity.
- Advising (warning) visitors that parking along the road is illegal

Things the Town of Tuxedo could consider:

- Adding limited signage (2) along South Gate Road that stipulates “No Parking Anytime On This Road”.
- Adding signage on Buttonwood Road - No Parking