

## Friends of Lapham Peak Snowmaking Meeting Minutes Feb 26, 2019 – Extra Mtg.

In attendance: John McCarthy, Rich Marusinec, Beattle Adelmeyer, Anne Riendl, Charlie Ritter, Joe Stuber, Will Edwards, Rick Bjodstrup, Jim Bostrom, Chris Peske

Dates – Time – Place for next Snowmaking meetings: All at Hausmann Nature Center

Tuesday evening 6:15 PM to 7:45 PM Mar 5, 2018 (DNR mtg before us)

Tuesday evening 6 PM to 7:45 PM Mar 26, 2018

Tuesday evening 6 PM to 7:45 PM Apr 16, 2018

Meeting called to order 5:12 PM upstairs at Hausmann Nature Center.

This Special meeting was called because it is time to order materials for the construction of Phase 3C this spring. Decisions are needed about exactly what materials will be ordered and used.

The group sorted through various proposals for possible specific steps to be carried out during the construction of the Phase 3C infrastructure on the “Green Cut-off” between the bottom of Two Tier and the bottom of Hoot Owl – in the pines, Between E33 and E35 on the Park map and on to the top of Magic Carpet where Phase 3A Snowmaking Construction stopped in the spring of 2018 just uphill from E36. The Park Map is online at: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/parks/name/lapham/pdfs/laphammap.pdf>

Estimated costs and construction duration and possible procedural steps to carry out each proposed plan were considered.

Safety for skiers and for all volunteers and DNR staff working on Snowmaking was agreed to be a very high priority.

### ORIGINAL PROPOSAL:

Completion of the Phase 3C Snowmaking section as had been planned for many months – called the “Original Plan” - (water pipe going in the ground the entire length from the pipe laid at the bottom of Two Tier [in fall 2018 – Phase 3B] to the pipe that ended near the top of Magic Carpet Ride, just uphill from E36 [in spring of 2016 – Phase 3A]. This will complete another full loop of underground water pipe.

### OTHER PROPOSALS:

Switch to laying pipe in only part(s) of the distance from Two Tier to just above E36. These proposals used less length of pipe than was in the “Original Plan” and did not include completing the loop of water piping through the pines. The pipe would extend only part way. The end(s) of pipe would be capped off rather than using pipe to complete the underground loop through the pines. Consideration was given to laying pipe from only one end or the other end or from both ends.

After much robust debate and being unable to reach consensus and being at an impasse on how to proceed it was decided that we would follow the recommendation of the Chair of the Snowmaking Committee. That recommendation is to proceed with the “Original Plan” and complete the loop of water pipe as has been planned in the “Green Cut-off”. It will connect the underground pipe on Magic Carpet Ride, which was laid in Spring 2016 (Between E36 and E35) to the pipe laid at the bottom of Two Tier (E33) in the Fall of 2018. The plan includes 3 hydrants and 3 pedestals.

At the end of the meeting most committee members stated they were glad to have the difficult decision made about where water pipe will and will not be laid for Phase 3C Construction.

Rich Marusinec reviewed possible electrical wire placements for rearranging the circuits so similar numbers of pedestals are on each Snowmaking circuit. Rich will be making more voltage measurements in future months to help with the final decision making.

Beattle will work on getting equipment so work can begin in the week after Easter. We are focused on Friday April 26 with fusing beginning prior to excavating. Rich Marusinec will order wire soon. John McCarthy will order pipe, fittings, hydrants etc.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45PM. Most then went to the monthly meeting of the Lapham Peak Ski Club at Trecker Lodge where Charlie Dee and Art Mitchel spoke about their Birkie experiences and our many local BirchLegger skiers were honored.

Scribe: Anne Riendl – Chair Snowmaking Committee of the Friends of Lapham Peak

Addendum by Joe Stuber dated Feb 28, 2019: Joe Stuber was strongly opposed to the chosen alignment based on technical merit, cost, and funding priority.